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	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
[1] TRADE WEIGHTED DOLLAR (MAY 29, 1970=100) (FEB.)	87.10	+4.1	+1.6	N.A.
[2] MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE (EXPORTS MINUS IMPORTS) (MIL. $,DEC.)	-2,056.2	-28.4	+160.9	-16.8
[2] NET EXPORTS OF:				
MEATS AND POULTRY (MIL. $,DEC.)	-100.8	-10.3	+25.2	-25.4
PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS (MIL.$,DEC.)	-6,487.1	+6.3	+25.3	+31.0
CHEMICALS (MIL. $,DEC.)	1,050.9	+15.4	+25.5	+23.8
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (MIL. $,DEC.)	281.2	-1,040.5	+90.5	-78.7
[2] EXPORTS OF:				
RAW COTTON (MIL. $,DEC.)	225.2	-27.8	+24.2	+30.3
SOYBEANS (MIL. $,DEC.)	635.4	+12.5	+1.4	+6.7
RICE, GRAINS, AND CEREALS (MIL. $,DEC.)	1,929.1	+26.6	+9.3	+25.1

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: UNITED STATES

[3] CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS U.S. CITY AVG (1967=100)				
[3] ALL ITEMS (FEB.)	263.2	+11.3	+1.0	N.A.
[3] PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES (1967=100)				
FINISHED GOODS (FEB.)	262.4	+10.4	+1.0	N.A.
CONSUMER FINISHED GOODS (FEB.)	264.0	+10.1	+1.0	+10.5
INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS (FEB.)	297.8	+9.5	+0.8	+10.3
CRUDE MATERIALS (FEB.)	335.5	+12.4	+4.4	+12.0
[4] INDEX OF 12 LEADING INDICATORS (1967=100) (JAN.)	135.8	+0.7	-0.4	N.A.
[5] INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (1967=100) (FEB.)	150.8	-1.2	-0.5	N.A.
[5] TOTAL ENERGY INDEX (1967=100) (FEB.)	140.0	+0.4	-0.1	N.A.
[6] TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (NUMBER, JAN.)	105,543,000	+1.3	+0.5	N.A.
[6] TOTAL EMPLOYED (NUMBER, JAN.)	97,696,000	+0.0	+0.4	N.A.
[6] UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	7.4	+19.4	+0.0	N.A.
[7] HOUSING STARTS (PRIVATE) (UNITS, FEB.)	72,100	-9.8	-12.1	+0.7
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON 3-MONTH FEDERAL SECURITIES (FEB.)	14.79	+15.0	-1.5	N.A.
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON STATE AND LOCAL BONDS (Aaa, FEB.)	9.46	+29.9	+5.3	N.A.
[8] AVERAGE PERCENT YIELD ON CORPORATE BONDS (FEB.)	14.22	+10.1	+3.0	N.A.
[9] M1-A --MONEY STOCK (CURRENCY PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS) (BIL. $,JAN.)	372.8	+0.6	-3.1	+0.6
[9] M1-B --MONEY STOCK (M1-A PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT BANKS AND THRIFT INSTITUTIONS) (FIL. $,JAN.)	416.1	+7.2	+1.0	+7.2
[11] BANK DEBITS (BIL. $,DEC.)	69,950.2	+30.0	+3.4	+26.5

FOOTNOTES: see p. 6.

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[12] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	2,826,157	+3.7	+0.1	+3.9
POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,JAN 24--FEB 20	11,760,929	+5.8	+0.6	+5.2
[13] BUSINESS FAILURES (NUMBER,NOV.)	6	+50.0	-50.0	+758.5
[13] BUSINESS FAILURES ($,NOV.)	849,000	-22.7	-72.4	+846.4
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (FEB.)	N.A.	-6.9	+0.6	-6.5
[14] NEW CORPORATIONS (NUMBER,FEB.)	1,180	+36.3	-1.9	+42.9
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	+6.4	-6.2	+4.3
[16] NEW PASSENGER CAR SALES (NUMBER,JAN.)	13,623	+6.3	-2.0	+6.3
[16] NEW TRUCK SALES (NUMBER,JAN.)	5,473	-5.7	-4.9	-5.7
PRODUCTION				
[17] CRUDE PETROLEUM AND LEASE CONDENSATE PRODUCTION (42-GAL BBLS,FEB.)	35,112,000	-2.0	-9.9	-0.2
NORTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL. BBLS.,FEB.)	2,520,000	+8.5	-10.7	+11.2
SOUTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL. BBLS.,FEB.)	32,592,000	-2.7	-9.9	-1.0
CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS (BBLS., DAILY AVG. FOR FEB.)	1,545,583	-1.3	-19.8	-4.3
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	-5.5	-9.7	-1.7
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	+0.0	-4.6	+1.5
PRICE INDEXES FOR LOUISIANA FARM PRODUCTS[18]				
ALL CROPS INDEX (1967=100) (FEB.)	285	+25.0	-0.3	+28.3
ALL LIVESTOCK INDEX (1967=100) (FEB.)	243	-10.7	+0.4	-9.9
ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX (1967=100) (FEB.)	269	+9.8	+0.0	+11.9
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	4,272	+7.5	-8.8	N.A.
VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	102,928,123	+53.8	+7.9	+40.2
[19] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ($,JAN.)	232,200,000	N.A.	N.A.	-2.8
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	81,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	+26.4
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	89,700,000	N.A.	N.A.	-23.3
NONBUILDING ($,JAN.)	61,100,000	N.A.	N.A.	+6.4
FINANCE				
[20] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	4,553,191,141	+1.8	+0.4	+3.5
[21] BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	27,082,096,594	+19.3	-7.3	+15.8
[22] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	71,600,000	+32.3	-41.7	+32.3
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[23]				
NUMBER EMPLOYED (NONAGRICULTURAL,FEB.)	1,607,900	+4.4	+0.3	+4.4
TRADE EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	358,500	+2.2	-0.4	+2.0
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	316,300	+3.4	+0.1	+4.1
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	277,700	+5.1	+0.7	+5.2
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	214,800	+3.0	+0.2	+2.8
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	125,900	+3.5	+1.0	+2.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	147,300	+12.5	+1.2	+12.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	75,700	+2.3	+0.5	+2.2
MINING AND QUARRYING EMPLOYMENT (FEB.)	91,700	+9.2	+0.4	+9.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	7.1	+4.4	-5.3	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING HOURS (NUMBER,FEB.)	41.0	+0.2	-1.0	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING EARNINGS ($,FEB.)	337.84	+12.7	-1.1	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[24]				
SEVERANCE TAX ($,FEB.)	69,890,308	+64.8	+12.3	+44.8
SALES TAX: GENERAL ($,FEB.)	55,193,546	+12.7	-26.1	+14.0
MOTOR VEHICLE ($,FEB.)	7,262,987	+14.4	-4.2	+0.2
GASOLINE TAX ($,FEB.)	13,887,053	+23.1	-6.7	+15.0
INCOME TAXES: INDIVIDUAL ($,FEB.)	3,519,009	-74.3	-81.3	-30.6
CORPORATION ($,FEB.)	7,364,030	+271.8	-34.6	+145.7
CORPORATION FRANCHISE TAX ($,FEB.)	1,600,674	+26.4	+33.4	-42.2
TOBACCO TAX AND PERMITS ($,FEB.)	5,132,629	+1.2	-7.0	+11.3
ALCOHOLIC BEV. TAX, BEER TAX, AND PERMITS ($,FEB.)	3,556,322	-1.6	-34.7	+9.7

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA METROPOLITAN AREAS

NEW ORLEANS AREA

(INCLUDES JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
25 TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	960,835	+2.3	-0.2	+2.6
26 POSTAL REVENUES ($,JAN 24--FEB 20)	4,638,744	+4.3	+6.5	+3.7
27 AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JAN.)	256,054	+4.8	+4.2	+4.8
27 AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JAN.)	1,598.2	-18.2	-23.9	-14.2
28 OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF NEW ORLEANS (TONS,JAN.)	1,468,095	+5.6	+11.8	+5.6
29 ATTENDANCE OF CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS (NUMBER,FEB.)	43,455	-5.7	+9.2	-15.6
TRADE				
30 DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,DEC.)	87,114,000	+8.7	+47.3	+7.5
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	+9.8	-4.5	+4.2
PRODUCTION				
31 ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	+2.2	-5.2	+4.1
CONSTRUCTION				
32 NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	542	-20.8	+2.8	N.A.
32 VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	24,755,173	+21.0	+41.9	+0.0
33 VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	21,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+39.6
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	7,300,000	N.A.	N.A.	-69.6
FINANCE				
34 BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	1,634,922,767	-4.9	-0.8	+1.3
34 BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	11,478,995,242	+16.5	-3.9	+13.8
33 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	38,800,000	+32.0	-47.9	+32.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT 23,33				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	6.5	+12.1	+8.6	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS 15				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,JAN.)	18,462,391	+15.3	-0.6	+15.3

BATON ROUGE AREA

(INCLUDES ASCENSION, E. BATON ROUGE, LIVINGSTON, AND W. BATON ROUGE PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
35 TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	368,657	+4.8	+0.3	+4.9
36 POSTAL REVENUES ($,JAN 24--FEB 20)	2,179,427	+8.1	+4.1	+6.7
37 NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (FEB.)	N.A.	-3.9	-0.7	-2.9
38 NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED LINAGE (FEB.)	1,096,274	-3.3	+0.8	-1.9
38 NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED AD COUNT (NUMBER,FEB.)	89,652	-8.9	-3.4	-6.5
39 AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,FEB.)	19,246	-16.5	-7.0	-11.6
39 AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,FEB.)	67.6	+3.4	+108.2	-32.3
40 OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF BATON ROUGE (TONS,JAN.)	52,147	-42.3	+12.5	-42.3
TRADE				
30 DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,DEC.)	44,283,000	+16.9	+58.9	+13.1
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	+8.4	-4.7	+8.0
PRODUCTION				
41 ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	-24.0	-28.6	-10.7
CONSTRUCTION				
42 NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	2,276	+12.3	-18.2	N.A.
42 VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	16,103,710	+28.2	-26.0	+40.4
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	10,000,000	N.A.	N.A.	+29.9
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	15,600,000	N.A.	N.A.	+143.8
FINANCE				
43 BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	708,096,717	+10.4	+0.1	+9.8
43 BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	5,660,490,598	+37.1	-4.1	+28.5
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	6,800,000	+33.3	-39.3	+33.3
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT 23				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	7.4	-8.6	+5.7	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS 15				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,JAN.)	7,140,731	+0.2	-6.9	+0.2

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LAKE CHARLES AREA

(INCLUDES CALCASIEU PARISH)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[44] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	116,786	+4.1	+0.1	+4.3
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (FEB.)	N.A.	-4.6	+1.4	-4.5
[45] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,FEB.)	3,982	-2.0	-10.7	-1.0
[45] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,FEB.)	5.4	-35.5	-39.0	-15.4
[46] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF LAKE CHARLES (TONS,FEB.)	340,425	-8.7	-13.0	-7.4
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	+13.2	+0.3	+7.7
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	+7.7	+4.3	+3.5
CONSTRUCTION				
[47] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	157	-17.8	+1.3	N.A.
[47] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	10,313,438	+20.2	+171.2	+1.9
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	2,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	-10.7
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	900,000	N.A.	N.A.	-94.2
FINANCE				
BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	273,182,513	+7.6	+2.4	+6.4
BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	1,074,132,889	+63.3	-7.5	+59.8
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	4,200,000	+50.0	-44.7	+50.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	7.0	+14.8	+6.1	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,JAN.)	2,251,198	+23.3	+1.3	+23.3

ALEXANDRIA AREA

(INCLUDES GRANT AND RAPIDES PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[48] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	83,212	+1.6	-0.2	+1.8
[49] POSTAL REVENUES ($,JAN 24--FEB 20)	317,321	+7.0	-17.0	-3.0
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (FEB.)	N.A.	-3.2	-1.0	-5.5
[50] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,FEB.)	4,099	-22.4	-12.8	-19.5
[50] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,FEB.)	43.0	-1.4	+7.5	+38.8
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	+4.6	+8.3	-1.9
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	-2.8	-2.0	-2.3
CONSTRUCTION				
[51] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	68	-32.7	-6.8	N.A.
[51] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	1,211,494	-27.6	+20.1	-28.4
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	3,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	+36.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	2,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+257.1
FINANCE				
[52] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	158,780,220	+5.7	+0.7	+3.0
[52] BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	507,189,694	-2.5	-7.7	-2.8
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	1,300,000	+160.0	-18.8	+160.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23,53]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	10.0	+12.4	+5.3	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,JAN.)	1,115,797	+1.8	-1.8	+1.8

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SHREVEPORT AREA

(INCLUDES BOSSIER, CADDO, AND WEBSTER PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[54] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	253,168	+3.5	+0.4	+3.5
[55] POSTAL REVENUES ($,JAN 24--FEB 20)	1,517,331	+2.8	-3.4	+3.3
[56] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (FEB.)	N.A.	-6.8	+1.9	-7.7
[57] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,FEB.)	28,194	-16.5	-6.1	-14.4
[57] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,FEB.)	630.0	+2.3	-4.7	+1.0
TRADE				
[30] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,DEC.)	23,739,000	+3.9	+56.7	+1.3
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	+8.7	-3.9	+12.6
PRODUCTION				
[58] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	-2.4	-9.5	+1.2
CONSTRUCTION				
[59] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	507	+8.3	+6.3	N.A.
[59] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	15,709,511	+66.4	+57.3	+49.1
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	4,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	-10.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	4,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+84.6
FINANCE				
[60] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	511,555,621	-6.3	+4.5	-8.9
[60] BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	4,663,208,182	+15.0	-11.0	+11.3
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	2,300,000	-8.0	-42.5	-8.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	7.2	+16.1	+4.3	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,JAN.)	4,880,188	+32.2	+6.2	+32.2

MONROE AREA

(INCLUDES MOREHOUSE AND OUACHITA PARISHES)

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GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[61] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	118,817	+2.1	+0.1	+2.3
[61] POSTAL REVENUES ($,JAN 24--FEB 20)	594,797	+9.2	-4.3	+8.4
[62] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,FEB.)	7,454	-18.0	-7.6	-16.4
[62] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,FEB.)	23.4	+10.7	-37.3	+12.3
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	+11.5	-0.5	+4.9
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	-1.1	-4.9	+2.5
CONSTRUCTION				
[63] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	59	-19.2	-24.4	N.A.
[63] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	2,390,360	-60.6	+7.6	-43.2
[64] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	1,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	-34.5
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	200,000	N.A.	N.A.	-96.0
FINANCE				
[65] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	192,528,569	-7.1	-3.7	-7.9
[65] BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	1,433,551,723	-1.9	-21.9	-0.2
[64] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	4,200,000	+75.0	+27.3	+75.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23,64]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	9.0	-13.5	+11.1	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,JAN.)	2,290,049	+7.8	+2.9	+7.8

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LAFAYETTE AREA

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	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[66] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,FEB.)	129,974	+8.7	+0.6	+8.8
[67] POSTAL REVENUES ($,JAN 24--FEB 20)	562,187	+10.2	+2.9	+7.8
[67] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,FEB.)	9,134	-0.6	-2.6	-1.9
[67] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,FEB.)	32.4	+3.2	-1.7	-7.0
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,FEB.)	N.A.	-2.0	-6.8	+1.4
PRODUCTION				
[68] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,FEB.)	N.A.	+8.9	-7.6	+12.7
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (FEB.)	342	+123.5	+11.8	N.A.
VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,FEB.)	19,489,282	+703.8	-36.6	+220.0
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	8,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+60.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JAN.)	16,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+4,025.0
FINANCE				
[69] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,FEB.)	298,333,302	+18.4	+2.7	+15.5
[69] BANK DEBITS ($,FEB.)	1,112,273,225	+25.3	-10.6	+22.2
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,JAN.)	2,100,000	-25.0	-38.2	-25.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JAN.)	3.8	-32.1	+11.8	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,JAN.)	4,228,099	+35.4	+4.3	+35.4

n.a.--either not applicable, or not printed to maintain confidentiality.
[1]*Wall Street Journal*; figures effective on Feb. 27, 1981 only.
[2]*Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[3]Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
[4]*Business Conditions Digest*, U.S. Department of Commerce.
[5]*Industrial Production* (G. 12.3), Federal Reserve System.
[6]*Employment and Earnings*, U.S. Department of Labor.
[7]U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[8]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 13, Federal Reserve System.
[9]*Monetary Trends*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
[10]Life Insurance Marketing & Research Ass'n., Hartford, Conn.
[11]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 6, Federal Reserve System.
[12]South Central Bell Telephone Co. Figures for company-owned phones as of the end of the month.
[13]Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., New York City, N.Y.
[14]Office of the Secretary of State. Includes new domestic charters filed between Feb. 6-March 2, 1981.
[15]Dept. of Revenue, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.
[16]R. L. Polk & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
[17]Estimates taken from *Weekly Statistical Bulletin*, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.
[18]La. Office of Agricultural Statistician, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, cooperating with the Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, LSU.
[19]F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.
[20]Figures shown for end of the month. Excludes interbank, U.S. Government, and time deposits.
[21]Bank debits charged to demand deposit accounts. Excludes interbank & U.S. Government accounts.
[22]Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas.
[23]La. Dept. of Employment Security, Baton Rouge, La. New series--not comparable to any previous years' figures.
[24]Budget Office, Division of Administration, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

[25]New Orleans, Slidell, Covington, Norco, Luling, Paradis, Kenner.
[26]Harvey, Metairie, Westwego, Marrero, New Orleans, Arabi, Chalmette, Norco, Luling, Covington, Slidell, Mandeville.
[27]New Orleans International Airport.
[28]Incls. inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[29]Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission.
[30]*Monthly Retail Trade—Sales & Accounts Receivable*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[31]Area figure for New Orleans, Covington, Luling, Arabi, Chalmette.
[32]Gretna, Westwego, Kenner, Grand Isle, New Orleans, St. Bernard Parish, Covington, Slidell, Madisonville, Mandeville, Pearl River.
[33]Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Tammany parishes.
[34]Orleans, Jefferson parishes, Covington, Slidell, with 9 banks missing for deposits and 8 banks missing for debits.

BATON ROUGE AREA

[35]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Donaldsonville.
[36]Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen.
[37]Baton Rouge, Denham Springs.
[38]Capital City Press.
[39]Greater Baton Rouge Airport District.
[40]Incls. imports & exports of general cargo passing over public facilities.
[41]Area figure for Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge.
[42]Incls. permits for elec., air conditioning, & plumbing for Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen.
[43]Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen, with 3 banks missing for deposits and 6 banks missing for debits.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

[44]Lake Charles, Sulphur, Vinton.
[45]Lake Charles Municipal Airport.
[46]Incls. inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[47]Lake Charles, Westlake.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

[48]Alexandria, Pineville, Colfax.
[49]Alexandria, Pineville.
[50]Rapides Parish Municipal Airport.
[51]Alexandria, Lecompte, Pineville.
[52]One bank missing.
[53]Rapides, Avoyelles, Grant parishes.

SHREVEPORT-MINDEN AREA

[54]Shreveport-Bossier City, Minden.
[55]Bossier City, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill.
[56]Shreveport, Minden.
[57]Shreveport Airport Authority.
[58]Area figure for Shreveport, Minden, Springhill.
[59]Bossier City, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill, Cullen.
[60]Bossier City, Plain Dealing, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill, with 1 bank missing.

BASTROP-MONROE AREA

[61]Monroe, West Monroe, Bastrop.
[62]Monroe Municipal Airport.
[63]Bastrop, Monroe, West Monroe, Sterlington.
[64]Ouachita Parish only.
[65]One bank missing for deposits; two banks missing for debits.

LAFAYETTE AREA

[66]City of Lafayette, towns of Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Youngsville.
[67]Lafayette Airport Commission.
[68]Area figure for Lafayette.
[69]Two banks missing.

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LOUISIANA LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS*

(COLLECTIONS FOR INDICATED MONTH BASED ON SALES FOR PRECEDING MONTH)
SOURCE - LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES
(DOLLARS)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS	FEBRUARY 1981	PERCENT CHANGE FEB. 1981-FEB. 1980	PERCENT CHANGE FEB. 1981-JAN. 1981
ABBEVILLE	69,676	+17.0	-28.8
ABITA SPRINGS	769	-45.6	-51.1
ACADIA PAR. S.B.	251,700	+15.5	+5.4
ALBANY	1,703	-1.6	-33.1
ALEXANDRIA	318,317	+23.5	-35.2
ALLEN PAR. S.B.	72,255	+7.4	-21.8
AMITE CITY	27,216	+21.2	-30.2
ARCADIA	14,286	+2.6	-39.9
ASHAWEVILLE	7,458	+24.3	-29.1
ASCENSION PAR. S.B.	686,318	+89.9	-17.9
ASSUMPTION PAR. S.B.	95,370	+24.8	-19.1
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AVOYELLES PAR. S.B.	170,161	+7.9	-17.5
BAKER	66,899	+2.1	+10.9
BASILE	8,153	+165.2	-9.2
BASTROP	77,912	+42.0	-24.6
BEAUREGARD PAR. S.B.	124,812	-0.9	-23.0
BERNICE	5,227	+0.8	-29.1
BIENVILLE PAR. S.B.	64,328	-13.3	-28.2
BOGALUSA	152,146	+23.7	-22.5
BOSSIER CITY	213,384	-10.0	-31.1
BOSSIER PAR. S.B.	430,479	+12.6	-32.5
BREAUX BRIDGE	28,380	+17.2	-22.7
BROUSSARD	20,574	+8.1	-13.7
BUNKIE	30,549	+30.9	-19.6
CADDO PAR. S.B.	1,363,783	+3.2	-28.9
CALCASIEU PAR. S.B.	1,177,715	+4.6	-33.6
CALDWELL PARISH POLICE JURY	29,331	+12.1	-21.2
CALDWELL PARISH S.B.	29,327	+12.9	-21.2
CAMERON	679	+38.6	-10.5
CARENCRO	17,945	+6.6	-27.9
CHURCH POINT	18,937	+42.1	-13.0
CLAIBORNE PAR. S.B.	81,141	+59.6	-1.0
COLFAX	5,169	N.A.	-28.3
CONCORDIA PAR. S.B.	87,404	+12.0	-22.2
COTTON VALLEY	2,269	+28.0	-52.3
COTTONPORT	4,752	+17.9	-41.0
COUSHATTA	16,210	+15.5	-33.8
COVINGTON	52,454	+24.9	-45.0
CROWLEY	113,730	+30.7	-21.5
CULLEN	2,861	+6.2	-22.7
DELCAMBRE	7,642	+81.8	-29.3
DENHAM SPRINGS	89,106	+77.8	+1.6
DEQUINCY	17,905	+32.1	-20.6
DERIDDER	59,014	+0.9	-29.0
DESOTO PAR. S.B.	183,760	+94.7	-28.4
DONALDSONVILLE	35,266	+22.5	-33.1
DOYLE	7,295	+32.4	+1.4
E. CARROLL PAR. S.B.	34,073	+25.0	-23.6
E. FELICIANA PAR. S.B.	79,662	+55.5	-57.0
E.B.R. CITY-PARISH	4,507,091	+12.8	-21.7
E.B.R. PAR. S.B.	2,365,646	+11.9	-20.7
ELTON	3,157	+30.9	-31.8
ERATH	8,138	+32.8	-25.0
ESTHERWOOD	1,369	+167.4	+76.4
EUNICE	137,484	+22.9	-29.0
EVANGELINE PAR. S.B.	106,362	+51.1	-19.0
FARMERVILLE	19,779	+43.1	-19.4
FOLSOM	2,269	-15.9	-40.1
FRANKLIN PAR. S.B.	115,141	+79.1	-16.1
FRANKLINTON	28,699	+23.7	-26.4
GOLDEN MEADOW	7,775	+11.1	-27.5
GONZALES	66,492	-3.1	-33.2
GRAMERCY	13,378	+9.9	-25.1
GRAND COTEAU	1,965	+135.3	-1.1
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	30,821	+8.4	-13.2
GREENSBURG	4,006	+104.5	-5.3
HAMMOND	128,307	+21.4	-32.7
HAYNESVILLE	10,867	-9.9	-36.4
HENDERSON	3,437	-44.7	-25.7
IBERIA PAR. S.B.	596,216	+34.0	-18.5
IBERVILLE PAR. S.B.	302,580	-8.5	-9.3
IBERVILLE PARISH	302,580	-8.5	-9.2
INDEPENDENCE	4,250	+22.0	-39.2
IOTA	4,334	+26.4	-0.8
IOWA	10,177	-9.9	+51.7
JACKSON PAR. S.B.	34,130	+52.8	-6.8
JEANERETTE	24,901	+14.8	-29.7
JEFF. DAVIS PAR. S.B.	170,837	+19.1	-39.2
JEFFERSON PAR. S.B.	3,946,153	+62.0	-23.7
JEFFERSON PARISH	2,595,680	+7.8	-24.1
JENNINGS	34,498	+14.2	-21.7
JONESBORO	43,648	+118.2	-32.4
KENTWOOD	12,081	-1.6	-43.6
KROTZ SPRINGS	5,491	+223.6	-69.1
LAFAYETTE PAR. POL. JURY	364,366	+25.8	-1.4
LAFAYETTE PAR. S.B.	1,379,853	+20.1	-21.0
LAFAYETTE	983,319	+18.3	-27.2
LAFOURCHE PAR. S.B.	426,988	+24.8	-23.8
LAFOURCHE PARISH	152,077	N.A.	-22.8
LAKE ARTHUR	10,323	N.A.	-15.8
LAKE CHARLES	463,483	+15.8	-37.6
LAKE PROVIDENCE	24,580	+57.5	+88.8
LEESVILLE	52,096	+22.6	+13.0
LINCOLN PAR. POL. JURY	32,864	+17.0	-26.2
LINCOLN PAR. S.B.	185,722	+17.0	-26.2
LIVINGSTON PAR. S.B.	364,881	+27.9	-36.1
LIVINGSTON	3,813	+42.7	-43.5
LOCKPORT	12,922	+50.6	-5.8
LUTCHER	9,238	-13.0	-25.2
MADISON PAR. POL. JURY	20,740	+43.8	-34.9
MADISON PAR. S.B.	65,000	+30.0	-31.6
MANOU	9,624	+17.1	-18.0
MANDEVILLE	28,597	+63.9	-26.2
MANGHAM	1,873	+20.1	-15.3
MANSFIELD	11,006	N.A.	-41.6
MARKSVILLE	18,900	+58.1	+5.5
MELVILLE	2,198	-0.4	-37.4
MER ROUGE	4,844	+37.3	+13.6
MER ROUGE	4,094	+19.7	+7.5
MERMENTAU	921	+50.0	-4.8
MINDEN	60,340	-5.6	-40.6
MONROE (CITY) S.B.	102,271	+6.2	-26.6
MONROE	460,852	+6.8	-33.2
MOREAUVILLE	2,769	+51.5	-11.8
MOREHOUSE PAR. S.B.	103,221	+31.9	-21.0
MOSSE	1,211	-21.0	-6.3
NAPOLEONVILLE	4,954	+18.5	-40.7
NATCHITOCHES PAR. S.B.	125,420	+26.8	-37.5
NATCHITOCHES	166,911	+118.2	-28.2
NEW IBERIA	321,561	+10.0	+1.1
NEW ROADS	19,037	+13.0	-28.6
NEWELLTON	4,215	+23.2	+7.4
OAK GROVE	16,675	+6.1	-33.2
OAKDALE	25,575	+7.7	-32.0
OBERLIN	6,031	+53.8	+10.8
OIL CITY	9,939	+136.0	+5.1
OPELOUSAS	181,510	+20.0	-33.9
OUACHITA PAR. POL. JURY	184,663	+1.4	-15.5
OUACHITA PAR. S.B.	208,583	+5.7	-26.6
PEARL RIVER	4,369	+23.0	-45.9
PINE PRAIRIE	2,071	-12.0	-0.2
PINEVILLE	51,712	+13.6	-19.6
PLAIN DEALING	4,521	-0.6	-27.9
PLAQUEMINES PAR. COMM. COUN.	320,811	+26.0	-19.1
PLAQUEMINES PAR. S.B.	160,415	+26.9	-19.1
PLAUCHEVILLE	795	-23.1	-29.2
POINTE COUPEE PAR. S.B.	214,867	+140.6	-13.1
POINTE COUPEE PARISH	214,868	+140.6	-13.1
POLLOCK	711	N.A.	-10.1
PONCHATOULA	24,761	+3.5	-30.5
PORT ALLEN	28,029	+27.1	+7.2
RAPIDES PARISH	603,194	+14.3	-24.4
RATHER	57,599	+1.9	-32.5
RAYVILLE	32,088	+9.5	-43.6
RED RIVER PAR. POL. JURY	29,053	+45.5	-39.5
RED RIVER PAR. S. B.	29,600	+18.2	-32.0
RICHLAND PAR. S. B.	96,806	+10.9	-52.1
RINGGOLD	3,463	+12.7	-52.6
ROSEPINE	2,163	+9.4	-20.8
RUSTON	51,219	+21.2	-31.5
SABINE PAR. S.B.	73,021	+28.5	-45.8
SABETTA	921	-44.8	-71.6
SCOTT	21,958	+37.8	+15.6
SHREVEPORT	1,165,443	+8.9	-28.1
SLIDELL	140,209	-0.8	-38.4
SPRINGHILL	29,402	+19.5	-42.2
ST. CHARLES PAR. POL. JURY	225,375	-9.8	-44.2
ST. CHARLES PAR. S.B.	720,666	-35.8	-46.1
ST. FRANCISVILLE	13,429	+21.1	-32.5
ST. JAMES PAR. S.B.	146,836	-23.6	-18.4
ST. JOHN PAR. S. B.	160,755	+22.3	-24.9
ST. LANDRY PAR. S.B.	410,365	+51.0	-30.7
ST. MARTIN PAR. S.B.	176,902	+20.7	-12.0
ST. MARTINVILLE	27,771	+54.4	-13.9
ST. TAMMANY PAR. S.B.	763,447	+29.1	-31.3
SULPHUR	188,700	+2.0	-31.8
SUNSET	6,519	+25.9	-10.5
TALLULAH	20,923	+9.2	-37.5
TANGIPAHOA (VILLAGE OF)	1,010	+2.5	+0.0
TANGIPAHOA PAR. S.B.	253,368	+0.0	-28.9
TENSAS PAR. POL. JURY	26,331	+10.8	-22.6
TENSAS PAR. S.B.	24,107	-25.8	-30.6
TERREBONNE PAR. S.B.	600,117	+17.0	-18.7
TERREBONNE PARISH	1,000,528	+17.0	-18.7
THIBODAUX	95,631	+4.3	-31.4
UNION PAR. S. B.	58,261	+78.5	-13.5
VERMILION PAR. POL. JURY	369,441	+27.3	-15.0
VERMILION PAR. S.B.	369,447	+27.3	-15.0
VERNON PAR. S.B.	140,527	+48.3	+46.7
VILLE PLATTE	15,039	+2.7	-33.4
VINTON	17,670	+9.0	-24.4
VIVIAN	17,955	+0.1	-42.9
W. B. R. PARISH	163,083	+20.5	+4.1
W. CARROLL PAR. S. B.	38,724	-4.9	-44.5
W. FELICIANA PAR. S.B.	153,511	+2.8	-49.1
W.B.R. PAR. S.B.	163,010	+20.4	+4.3
WASHINGTON (TOWN OF)	4,860	+76.6	+34.1
WASHINGTON PAR. S.B.	65,149	+6.5	-24.5
WEBSTER PAR. S.B.	209,229	+7.0	-11.9
WELSH	16,899	+24.7	N.A.
WEST MONROE	151,599	+7.7	-24.0
WESTLAKE	48,294	+195.9	-15.8
WINN PAR. S.B.	61,620	-3.0	-30.6
WINNSBORO	38,979	+21.4	-32.9
WISNER	4,183	-6.0	-28.0
YOUNGSVILLE	4,799	+46.8	+3.3
ZACHARY	73,530	+12.1	-11.2
TOTAL REPORTED THIS MONTH	$39,995,776	N.A.	N.A.
**SUM OF COMPARABLE COLLECTIONS	39,390,533	+18.9	-24.9

*Tax rates are 1%, except for Ascension Parish School Board—2%; Avoyelles Parish School Board—1½%; Baker—2%; Basile—2%; Bienville Parish School Board—2% (1%—School Dist. #1, 1%—parishwide); Bogalusa—2%; Bossier Parish School Board—1½%; Bunkie—1½%; Catahoula Parish School Board—2½%; Crowley—1½%; East Baton Rouge City-Parish—2%; East Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Eunice—2%; Franklin Parish School Board—1½%; Iberia Parish School Board-1¼%; Independence—1½%; Jeanerette—1¼%; Jefferson Parish School Board—1½%; Jefferson Parish—1½%; Jonesboro—2%; Lafourche Parish—½%; Lincoln Parish Police Jury—½%; Livingston Parish School Board—2%; Madison Parish School Board—1½%; Madison Parish Police Jury—½%; Marksville—1½%; Monroe—1½%; Natchitoches Parish School Board—2%; New Iberia—1¼%; New Orleans—2½%; Opelousas—2%; Orleans Parish School Board—1½%; Paris—2%; Pine Prairie—2%; Plaquemines Parish School Board—½%; Rayne—2%; Rayville—1½%; Red River Parish School Board—2%; Richland Parish School Board—1½%; Ruston—½%; St. Bernard Parish Police Jury—1½%; St. Bernard Parish School Board—1½%; St. Charles Parish Police Jury—⅝%; St. Charles Parish School Board—2%; St. Mary Parish—1¾%; St. Mary Parish School Board—95%; St. Tammany Parish School Board—2%; Sulphur—2%; Terrebonne Parish—1¼% (¼% is a special dedication); Terrebonne Parish School Board—¾%; Vinton—2%; West Monroe—1½%; West Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Westlake—2%; Zachary—2% (½% is shared by Monroe (City) School Board and Ouachita Parish School Board. Included are use tax and hotel-motel taxes wherever applicable.

**Figures shown for "comparable collections" are made up *only* of administrative units reporting February 1981, January 1981, and February 1980.

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LOUISIANA TOURIST TRAFFIC DATA

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Visitors to Selected Tourist Attractions
Source: State Parks Commission & Other Tourist Attractions

SITE	February 1981	January 1981	February 1980	Percent Change Feb. 1981-Feb. 1980	Percent Change Feb. 1981-Jan. 1981
Audubon State Comm. Area	5,034	5,865	7,801	- 35.5	- 14.2
Avery Island	1,607	1,822	1,139	+ 41.1	- 11.8
Baton Rouge Old State Capitol	3,371	3,085	3,549	- 5.0	+ 9.3
Old Arsenal Museum	3,780	3,493	4,207	- 10.1	+ 8.2
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	231	216	246	- 6.1	+ 6.9
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	2,994	3,688	8,856	- 66.2	- 18.8
Chicot State Park	18,098	11,505	10,147	+ 78.4	+ 57.3
Cypremort Point State Park	2,532	2,258	2,220	+ 14.1	+ 11.6
Fairview Riverside State Park	10,108	8,454	22,277	- 54.6	+ 19.6
Fontainebleau State Park	8,434	12,608	15,062	- 44.0	- 33.1
Fort Jesup State Comm. Area	4,404	5,418	4,614	- 4.6	- 18.7
Fort Pike State Comm. Area	5,500	5,000	10,175	- 45.9	+ 10.0
Grand Isle State Park	5,788	3,652	5,602	+ 3.3	+ 58.5
Hodges Gardens	679	449	673	+ 0.9	+ 51.2
Indian Creek Recreational Area	1,940	1,385	2,731	- 29.0	+ 40.1
Kent House State Commemorative Area	414	357	485	- 14.6	+ 16.0
Lake Bistineau State Park	5,541	3,994	12,888	- 57.0	+ 38.7
Lake Bruin State Park	806	1,244	1,774	- 54.6	- 35.2
Lake Claiborne State Park	1,632	1,920	1,830	- 10.8	- 15.0
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	1,444	2,043	900	+ 60.4	- 29.3
Longfellow-Evangeline State Comm. Area	22,452	24,540	103,178	- 78.2	- 8.5
Marksville State Comm. Area	320	N.A.	759	- 57.8	
New Orleans The La. State Museum	5,793	8,296	12,493	- 53.6	- 30.2
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	2,360	2,556	1,519	+ 55.4	- 7.7
Rebel State Commemorative Area	766	595	1,058	- 27.6	+ 28.7
St. Bernard State Park	1,196	1,502	4,358	- 72.6	- 20.4
Sam Houston Jones State Park	22,612	25,861	18,381	+ 23.0	- 12.6
Shreveport The La. State Exhibit Museum	22,600	12,200	22,400	+ 0.9	+ 85.2
The La. State Fairgrounds	71,640	36,200	87,276	- 17.9	+ 97.9
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Area	20	42	29	- 31.0	- 52.4

N.A.—Not Available

Visitors to Tourist Information Stations
Source: Louisiana Office of Tourism

STATION	February 1981	January 1981	February 1980	Percent Change Feb. 1981-Feb. 1980	Percent Change Feb. 1981-Jan. 1981
Bastrop Snyder Museum	355	425	523	- 32.1	- 16.5
Baton Rouge State Capitol	13,566	13,777	12,399	+ 9.4	- 1.5
Greenwood	5,872	6,276	4,947	+ 18.7	- 6.4
Kentwood	7,391	4,642	6,687	+ 10.5	+ 59.2
New Orleans	10,290	6,622	12,624	- 18.5	+ 55.4
St. Francisville	1,826	1,707	1,683	+ 8.5	+ 7.0
Slidell (I-59)	32,987	26,993	40,060	- 17.7	+ 22.2
Slidell (I-10)	83,425	77,875	85,558	- 2.5	+ 7.1
Toledo Bend	1,219	975	916	+ 33.1	+ 25.0
Vidalia	772	827	786	- 1.8	- 6.7
Vinton	14,967	12,507	32,836	- 54.4	+ 19.7

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS: INTERNATIONAL

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[1] TRADE WEIGHTED DOLLAR (MAY 29, 1970=100) (MARCH).....	86.90	-0.2	-0.2	N.A.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: UNITED STATES

[3] CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS U.S. CITY AVG(1967=100)				
ALL ITEMS(MARCH).....	265.1	+10.6	+0.7	N.A.
[3] PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES(1967=100)				
FINISHED GOODS(MARCH).....	265.3	+10.5	+1.1	N.A.
CONSUMER FINISHED GOODS (MARCH).....	267.3	+10.4	+1.3	+10.5
INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS (MARCH).....	301.4	+9.9	+1.2	+10.1
CRUDE MATERIALS (MARCH).....	333.0	+13.4	-0.7	+12.5
[4] INDEX OF 12 LEADING INDICATORS (1967=100) (FEB.).....	136.3	+1.6	-0.4	N.A.
[5] INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (1967=100) (MARCH).....	151.7	-0.3	+0.4	N.A.
[5] TOTAL ENERGY INDEX (1967=100) (MARCH).....	138.9	-0.5	-0.9	N.A.
[6] TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (NUMBER,FEB.).....	105,681,000	+1.4	+0.1	N.A.
[6] TOTAL EMPLOYED (NUMBER,FEB.).....	97,927,000	+0.1	+0.2	N.A.
[6] UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.).....	7.3	+17.7	-1.4	N.A.
[7] HOUSING STARTS (PRIVATE) (UNITS,MARCH).....	107,300	+26.1	+48.4	+10.9
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON 3-MONTH FEDERAL SECURITIES (MARCH)....	13.36	-12.1	-9.7	N.A.
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON STATE AND LOCAL BONDS (Aaa,MARCH).....	9.50	+16.4	+0.4	N.A.
[8] AVERAGE PERCENT YIELD ON CORPORATE BONDS (MARCH).....	14.26	+3.9	+0.3	N.A.
[9] M1-A --MONEY STOCK (CURRENCY PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS)(BIL. $,FEB.).....	366.0	-2.0	-1.8	-0.7
[9] M1-B --MONEY STOCK (M1-A PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT BANKS AND THRIFT INSTITUTIONS)(BIL. $,FEB.).....	417.2	+6.6	+0.3	+6.9
[11] BANK DEBITS (BIL. $,FEB.).....	73,174.6	+23.3	+1.1	+23.2

FOOTNOTES: see p. 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[12] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER, MARCH)	2,832,347	+3.4	+0.2	+3.7
POSTAL REVENUES ($, FEB 21--MAR 20)	12,026,021	+1.6	-2.4	+4.0
[13] BUSINESS FAILURES (NUMBER, DEC.)	10	+42.9	+66.7	+721.9
[13] BUSINESS FAILURES ($, DEC.)	4,054,000	-59.2	+377.5	+677.6
[14] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MARCH)	N.A.	+12.1	+32.1	+0.2
[14] NEW CORPORATIONS (NUMBER, MARCH)	1,032	+8.5	-12.5	+30.4
TRADE				
[16] WHOLESALE SALES ($, MARCH)	N.A.	+18.1	+15.5	+9.8
[16] NEW PASSENGER CAR SALES (NUMBER, FEB.)	13,674	-4.7	+0.4	+0.5
[16] NEW TRUCK SALES (NUMBER, FEB.)	5,755	+6.9	+5.2	+0.4
PRODUCTION				
[17] CRUDE PETROLEUM AND LEASE CONDENSATE PRODUCTION (42-GAL BBLS, MARCH)	38,905,000	-7.4	+10.8	-2.8
NORTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL. BBLS., MARCH)	2,712,000	-1.7	+7.6	+6.5
SOUTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL. BBLS., MARCH)	36,192,000	-7.8	+11.0	-3.4
CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS (BBLS., DAILY AVG. FOR MARCH)	1,330,206	-1.0	+18.1	-3.8
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, MARCH)	N.A.	-4.3	-2.3	-0.8
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, MARCH)	N.A.	-1.8	+3.4	+0.2
PRICE INDEXES FOR LOUISIANA FARM PRODUCTS [18]				
ALL CROPS INDEX (1967=100) (MARCH)	290	+21.8	+1.0	+26.4
ALL LIVESTOCK INDEX (1967=100) (MARCH)	246	-3.1	-2.0	-6.7
ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX (1967=100) (MARCH)	273	+11.9	+0.0	+12.4
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MARCH)	5,076	+30.2	+24.8	N.A.
[19] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($, MARCH)	139,126,501	+93.9	+63.4	+42.0
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ($, FEB.)	286,200,000	N.A.	N.A.	-6.6
RESIDENTIAL ($, FEB.)	98,600,000	N.A.	N.A.	+20.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($, FEB.)	114,000,000	N.A.	N.A.	-32.0
NONBUILDING ($, FEB.)	73,600,000	N.A.	N.A.	+27.5
FINANCE				
[20] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($, MARCH)	4,425,163,024	+2.3	+0.6	+3.0
[21] BANK DEBITS ($, MARCH)	30,487,776,523	+38.9	+19.9	+24.0
[22] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($, FEB.)	59,000,000	+3.9	-13.4	+14.6
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
NUMBER EMPLOYED (NONAGRICULTURAL, MARCH)	1,616,700	+4.3	+0.4	+4.4
TRADE EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	360,000	+2.2	+0.6	+2.0
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	320,100	+3.9	-0.2	+4.5
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	277,700	+4.4	+0.1	+4.9
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	214,000	+2.1	-0.3	+2.5
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	125,700	+2.8	-0.2	+2.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	151,800	+14.2	+3.3	+12.9
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	75,400	+1.8	-0.1	+1.9
MINING AND QUARRYING EMPLOYMENT (MARCH)	92,000	+8.2	+0.3	+9.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	7.2	+14.3	+0.0	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING HOURS (NUMBER, MARCH)	41.5	+1.2	+1.7	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING EARNINGS ($, MARCH)	351.09	+15.6	+2.9	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [24]				
SEVERANCE TAX ($, MARCH)	78,459,866	+96.0	+12.3	+60.4
SALES TAX: GENERAL ($, MARCH)	59,887,601	+19.0	+8.5	+15.5
MOTOR VEHICLE ($, MARCH)	8,724,130	+5.1	+20.1	+2.0
GASOLINE TAX ($, MARCH)	11,890,700	-11.7	-14.4	+5.6
ROYALTIES, RENTALS, AND BONUSES ($, MARCH)	45,952,186	+88.7	+26.2	+66.4
INCOME TAXES: INDIVIDUAL ($, MARCH)	11,000,477	----	----	----
CORPORATION ($, MARCH)	13,770,194	-4.8	+87.0	+47.0
CORPORATION FRANCHISE TAX ($, MARCH)	2,496,415	-22.8	+56.0	-34.4
TOBACCO TAX AND PERMITS ($, MARCH)	5,167,868	+8.4	+0.7	+10.3
ALCOHOLIC BEV. TAX, BEER TAX, AND PERMITS ($, MARCH)	3,924,179	+2.2	+10.3	+7.3
OTHER TAXES, FEES, AND PERMITS ($, MARCH)	113,419,726	----	----	----
TOTAL REVENUES ($, MARCH)	332,692,388	+17.2	+36.3	+22.0

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA METROPOLITAN AREAS

NEW ORLEANS AREA

(INCLUDES JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[25] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MARCH)	961,747	+2.1	+0.1	+2.4
[26] POSTAL REVENUES ($,FEB 21--MAR 20)	4,524,966	-2.0	-7.1	+1.9
[27] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF NEW ORLEANS (TONS,MARCH)	1,278,498	-18.5	+17.6	-9.9
[28] ATTENDANCE OF CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	53,828	-30.4	+23.9	-22.1
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,JAN.)	35,606,000	+11.3	-59.1	+11.3
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MARCH)	N.A.	+22.4	+20.4	+10.3
PRODUCTION				
[30] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MARCH)	N.A.	-8.1	-6.4	-0.1
CONSTRUCTION				
[31] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MARCH)	705	+0.7	+13.2	N.A.
[31] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MARCH)	36,019,773	+47.5	+19.5	+16.0
[32] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	22,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	+28.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	77,200,000	N.A.	N.A.	+149.7
FINANCE				
[33] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MARCH)	1,293,137,176	-8.7	-1.9	-4.0
[33] BANK DEBITS ($,MARCH)	10,929,086,865	+32.2	+15.9	+20.9
[32] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,FEB.)	29,900,000	+10.7	-10.7	+12.4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23,32]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	6.2	+17.0	-7.5	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,FEB.)	13,695,535	+6.1	-25.8	+11.2

BATON ROUGE AREA

(INCLUDES ASCENSION, E. BATON ROUGE, LIVINGSTON, AND W. BATON ROUGE PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[34] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MARCH)	369,689	+4.7	+0.3	+4.8
[35] POSTAL REVENUES ($,FEB 21--MAR 20)	2,275,865	+3.9	+4.4	+5.7
[36] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MARCH)	N.A.	+0.5	+20.0	-2.2
[37] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED LINAGE (MARCH)	1,272,290	+2.8	+16.1	-0.2
[37] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED AD COUNT (NUMBER,MARCH)	100,620	-7.5	+12.2	-6.9
[38] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	21,789	-9.1	+13.2	-10.8
[38] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MARCH)	28.7	-55.6	-57.6	-39.4
[39] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF BATON ROUGE (TONS,FEB.)	67,134	-1.9	+28.7	-24.9
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,JAN.)	17,276,000	+10.3	-61.0	+10.3
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MARCH)	N.A.	+23.5	+16.0	+14.1
PRODUCTION				
[40] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MARCH)	N.A.	+3.7	+8.3	+2.4
CONSTRUCTION				
[41] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MARCH)	2,708	+47.7	+18.7	N.A.
[41] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MARCH)	10,971,804	-20.2	-12.2	+19.9
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	10,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+44.4
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	8,200,000	N.A.	N.A.	+44.0
FINANCE				
[42] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MARCH)	729,849,583	+11.0	+1.6	+10.9
[42] BANK DEBITS ($,MARCH)	7,535,633,212	+77.0	+32.9	+44.0
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,FEB.)	7,700,000	+0.0	+11.6	+14.1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	7.6	+7.0	+0.0	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,FEB.)	6,326,066	+16.0	-11.4	+7.0

LAKE CHARLES AREA

(INCLUDES CALCASIEU PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[43] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MARCH)	116,975	+3.9	+0.2	+4.2
[44] POSTAL REVENUES ($,FEB 21--MAR 20)	347,303	+3.4	+2.3	+4.6
[45] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	4,453	+1.8	+11.8	-0.1
[45] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MARCH)	7.3	+3.2	+35.7	-9.9
[46] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF LAKE CHARLES (TONS,MARCH)	336,282	-18.6	-1.2	-11.2
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MARCH)	N.A.	+19.3	+3.5	+12.7
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MARCH)	N.A.	-0.7	-5.4	+2.1
CONSTRUCTION				
[47] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MARCH)	293	+35.0	+50.3	N.A.
[47] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MARCH)	67,673,501	+2,569.7	+489.2	+341.9
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	3,100,000	N.A.	N.A.	+9.6
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	1,100,000	N.A.	N.A.	-98.6
FINANCE				
BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MARCH)	278,881,725	+10.2	+2.1	+7.7
BANK DEBITS ($,MARCH)	1,266,579,510	+67.9	+17.9	+62.7
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,FEB.)	2,500,000	-3.8	-56.1	+51.9
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	7.1	+6.0	+0.0	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,FEB.)	1,485,660	-2.0	-34.0	+11.8

ALEXANDRIA AREA

(INCLUDES GRANT AND RAPIDES PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[48] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MARCH)	83,264	+1.5	+0.1	+1.7
[49] POSTAL REVENUES ($,FEB 21--MAR 20)	326,733	+1.9	+3.0	-1.5
[50] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MARCH)	N.A.	-3.5	+24.6	-4.7
[50] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	4,820	-11.9	+17.6	-17.0
AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MARCH)	43.0	+0.4	+0.0	+22.8
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MARCH)	N.A.	-1.1	+0.2	-2.9
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MARCH)	N.A.	-1.2	-0.6	-2.0
CONSTRUCTION				
[49] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MARCH)	97	-16.4	+44.8	N.A.
[49] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MARCH)	2,164,001	+35.1	+80.1	-5.4
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	3,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+21.4
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	100,000	N.A.	N.A.	-42.2
FINANCE				
[51] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MARCH)	158,324,843	+3.9	-0.3	+3.3
[51] BANK DEBITS ($,MARCH)	566,918,745	+11.3	+11.8	+1.7
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,FEB.)	900,000	+125.0	-40.0	+166.7
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23,52]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	9.6	+2.1	-8.6	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,FEB.)	794,911	-2.4	-28.8	+0.0

SHREVEPORT AREA

(INCLUDES BOSSIER, CADDO, AND WEBSTER PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[53] [54] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MARCH)	253,010	+2.9	-0.1	+3.3
[55] POSTAL REVENUES ($,FEB 21--MAR 20)	1,536,360	+4.2	+1.3	+3.6
[56] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MARCH)	N.A.	+34.5	+54.9	+6.5
[56] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	31,107	-15.7	+10.3	-14.9
AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MARCH)	723.0	+1.3	+14.8	+1.1
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,JAN.)	9,720,000	+10.1	-59.1	+10.1
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MARCH)	N.A.	+8.4	+17.6	+4.8
PRODUCTION				
[57] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMETION (KWH,MARCH)	N.A.	+0.3	-5.1	+0.8
CONSTRUCTION				
[58] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MARCH)	749	+12.8	+47.7	N.A.
[58] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MARCH)	12,411,324	-29.6	-21.0	+9.3
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	9,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	+60.7
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	11,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+351.4
FINANCE				
[59] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MARCH)	543,365,938	+0.1	+6.2	-5.9
[59] BANK DEBITS ($,MARCH)	5,417,609,802	+29.9	+16.2	+17.3
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,FEB.)	2,200,000	+57.1	-4.3	+15.4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	7.0	+11.1	-5.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,FEB.)	3,573,998	+12.4	-26.8	+23.0

MONROE AREA

(INCLUDES MOREHOUSE AND OUACHITA PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[60] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MARCH)	118,876	+1.8	+0.0	+2.2
[61] POSTAL REVENUES ($,FEB 21--MAR 20)	599,431	+6.3	+0.8	+7.7
[61] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	8,014	-20.0	+7.5	-17.6
AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MARCH)	23.6	-38.2	+0.9	-8.6
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MARCH)	N.A.	+8.7	+4.6	+6.5
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MARCH)	N.A.	-5.1	-2.4	-0.1
CONSTRUCTION				
[62] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MARCH)	76	+46.2	+28.8	N.A.
[62] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MARCH)	2,457,091	+14.0	+2.8	-31.2
[63] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	5,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	-17.2
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	2,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	-54.2
FINANCE				
[64] [64] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MARCH)	177,984,618	-8.2	-7.6	-7.9
[64] BANK DEBITS ($,MARCH)	1,665,366,243	+7.9	+16.2	+2.4
[63] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,FEB.)	2,800,000	+7.7	-30.0	+36.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23,63]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	8.7	+8.8	-7.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,FEB.)	1,671,396	+0.5	-27.0	+4.6

LAFAYETTE AREA

(INCLUDES LAFAYETTE PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[63] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MARCH)	130,740	+3.8	+0.6	+3.8
POSTAL REVENUES ($,FEB 21--MAR 20)	557,375	+7.0	-0.9	+7.5
[66] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	10,105	+0.3	+10.6	-0.1
[66] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MARCH)	27.0	-20.5	-16.6	-11.4
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MARCH)	N.A.	+9.8	+16.7	+5.4
PRODUCTION				
[67] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MARCH)	N.A.	+6.2	-7.3	+10.6
CONSTRUCTION				
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	8,100,000	N.A.	N.A.	-11.1
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,FEB.)	6,600,000	N.A.	N.A.	+5,675.0
FINANCE				
[68] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MARCH)	335,824,626	+8.4	-4.2	+11.8
[68] BANK DEBITS ($,MARCH)	1,557,759,802	+54.3	+20.2	+34.7
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,FEB.)	4,000,000	+11.1	+122.2	-9.4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [23]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (FEB.)	3.8	+2.7	-2.6	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [15]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,FEB.)	3,662,250	+22.8	-13.4	+29.3

n.a.—either not applicable, or not printed to maintain confidentiality.
[1]*Wall Street Journal*, figures effective on April 3, 1981.
[2]*Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[3]Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
[4]*Business Conditions Digest*, U.S. Department of Commerce.
[5]*Industrial Production* (G. 12.3), Federal Reserve System.
[6]*Employment and Earnings*, U.S. Department of Labor.
[7]U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[8]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 13, Federal Reserve System.
[9]*Monetary Trends*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
[10]Life Insurance Marketing & Research Ass'n., Hartford, Conn.
[11]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 6, Federal Reserve System.
[12]South Central Bell Telephone Co. Figures for company-owned phones as of the end of the month.
[13]Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., New York City, N.Y.
[14]Office of the Secretary of State. Includes new domestic charters filed between March 4-31, 1981.
[15]Dept. of Revenue, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.
[16]R. L. Polk & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
[17]Estimates taken from *Weekly Statistical Bulletin*, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.
[18]La. Office of Agricultural Statistician, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, cooperating with the Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, LSU.
[19]F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.
[20]Figures shown for end of the month. Excludes interbank, U.S. Government, and time deposits.
[21]Bank debits charged to demand deposit accounts. Excludes interbank & U.S. Government accounts.
[22]Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas.
[23]La. Dept. of Employment Security, Baton Rouge, La. New series—not comparable to any previous years' figures.
[24]Budget Office, Division of Administration, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

[25]New Orleans, Slidell, Covington, Norco, Luling, Paradis, Kenner.
[26]Gretna, Harvey, Metairie, Westwego, Marrero, New Orleans, Arabi, Chalmette, Norco, Luling, Covington, Slidell, Mandeville.
[27]Incls. inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[28]Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission.
[29]*Monthly Retail Trade—Sales & Accounts Receivable*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[30]Area figure for New Orleans, Covington, Luling, Arabi, Chalmette.
[31]Gretna, Westwego, Kenner, Grand Isle, New Orleans, St. Bernard Parish, St. Charles Parish, Covington, Slidell, Madisonville, Mandeville, Pearl River.
[32]Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Tammany parishes.
[33]Orleans, Jefferson parishes, Covington, Slidell, with 11 banks missing.

BATON ROUGE AREA

[34]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Donaldsonville.
[35]Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen.
[36]Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge, Denham Springs.
[37]Capital City Press.
[38]Greater Baton Rouge Airport District.
[39]Incls. imports & exports of general cargo passing over public facilities.
[40]Area figure for Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge.
[41]Incls. permits for electric, air conditioning, & plumbing for Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen, Gonzales.
[42]Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen, with 2 banks missing for deposits and 5 banks missing for debits.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

[43]Lake Charles, Sulphur, Vinton.
[44]Lake Charles only.
[45]Lake Charles Municipal Airport.
[46]Incls. inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[47]Lake Charles, Sulphur, Westlake.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

[48]Alexandria, Pineville, Colfax.
[49]Alexandria, Pineville.
[50]Rapides Parish Municipal Airport.
[51]One bank missing.
[52]Rapides, Avoyelles, Grant parishes.

SHREVEPORT-MINDEN AREA

[53]Shreveport-Bossier City, Minden.
[54]Bossier City, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill.
[55]Shreveport only.
[56]Shreveport Airport Authority.
[57]Area figure for Shreveport, Minden, Springhill.
[58]Bossier City, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill, Cullen.
[59]Bossier City, Plain Dealing, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill, with one bank missing.

BASTROP-MONROE AREA

[60]Monroe, West Monroe, Bastrop.
[61]Monroe Municipal Airport.
[62]Bastrop, Monroe, West Monroe, Sterlington.
[63]Ouachita Parish only.
[64]One bank missing for deposits; 2 banks missing for debits.

LAFAYETTE AREA

[65]City of Lafayette, towns of Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Youngsville.
[66]Lafayette Airport Commission.
[67]Area figure for Lafayette.
[68]One bank missing.

LOUISIANA LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS*

(COLLECTIONS FOR INDICATED MONTH BASED ON SALES FOR PRECEDING MONTH)
(DOLLARS)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS	MARCH 1981	PERCENT CHANGE MAR. 1981-MAR. 1980	PERCENT CHANGE MAR. 1981-FEB. 1981
ABBEVILLE	69,611	+4.0	-0.1
ABITA SPRINGS	1,643	+221.0	+371.7
ACADIA PAR. S.B.	222,487	+3.8	-11.6
ALBANY	1,783	-5.1	+4.7
ALEXANDRIA	342,016	+14.7	+7.5
ALLEN PAR. S.P.	70,268	+8.1	-2.8
AMITE CITY	25,746	+2.2	-5.4
ARCADIA	16,218	+22.1	+13.5
ARNAUDVILLE	6,855	-16.2	-8.1
ASSUMPTION PAR. S.B.	92,729	+23.6	-2.8
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AVOYELLES PAR. S.B.	171,197	+1.3	+1.8
BAKER	61,511	+5.8	-16.5
BASILE	7,420	+58.1	-9.3
BASTROP	71,765	+11.5	-7.9
BEAUREGARD PAR. S.B.	124,277	+10.1	-0.1
BERNICE	5,305	+12.1	+1.5
BIENVILLE PAR. S.B.	70,669	+6.0	+8.9
BOGALUSA	152,681	-11.1	+0.1
BOSSIER CITY	201,291	+18.4	-4.7
BOSSIER PAR. S.B.	414,798	+19.1	-3.6
BREAUX BRIDGE	29,115	+25.1	+2.6
BROUSSARD	21,486	-1.2	+14.2
CADDO PAR. S.B.	1,137,981	+8.9	-1.9
CALCASIEU PAR. S.B.	1,248,189	+4.4	+5.1
CALDWELL PARISH POLICE JURY	27,233	-2.1	-7.2
CALDWELL PARISH S.B.	27,233	-1.9	-7.1
CAMERON	597	+8.0	-12.1
CARENCRO	24,596	+52.0	+37.1
CHURCH POINT	16,530	+15.2	-12.7
CLAIBORNE PAR. S.B.	80,403	+5.2	-0.9
COLFAX	4,694	N.A.	-9.2
CONCORDIA PAR. POL. JURY	36,237	-0.9	-9.2
CONCORDIA PAR. S.B.	86,670	+16.1	-0.9
COTTON VALLEY	2,699	-10.6	+19.0
COTTONPORT	6,017	+19.0	+26.6
COUSHATTA	17,978	+42.6	+10.9
COVINGTON	51,957	+5.7	-0.9
CROWLEY	101,887	+11.2	-10.4
CULLEN	3,011	+21.0	+5.2
DELCAMBRE	4,097	-24.2	-46.4
DENHAM SPRINGS	61,264	+24.9	-29.0
DEQUINCY	16,532	-8.3	-7.7
DERIDDER	54,401	-1.1	-7.8
DESOTO PAR. S.B.	210,113	+90.2	+18.9
DIXIE INN	4,059	N.A.	+3.1
DONALDSONVILLE	30,573	-11.4	-13.3
DUSON	6,887	+81.6	-6.1
E.B.R. CITY-PARISH	4,408,978	+17.8	-2.2
E.B.R. PAR. S.B.	2,298,373	+17.9	-2.8
ELTON	3,250	-5.5	+2.9
ERATH	11,762	+65.9	+48.5
ESTHERWOOD	778	-23.1	-43.2
EUNICE	147,800	+10.5	+7.5
EVANGELINE PAR. S.B.	98,174	-10.1	-11.5
FARMERVILLE	16,257	-0.8	-17.8
FERRIDAY	22,582	-3.0	-3.0
FOLSOM	2,542	-10.9	+11.1
FRANKLIN PAR. S.B.	109,246	+58.4	-5.1
FRANKLINTON	24,722	-16.4	-13.6
GOLDEN MEADOW	9,923	+5.6	+26.0
GONZALES	67,210	+10.9	+1.1
GRAMERCY	13,116	+8.8	-2.0
GRAND COTEAU	1,689	+1.9	-14.0
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	26,151	-0.6	-15.2
GREENSBURG	4,448	+7.4	-39.0
HAMMOND	114,059	+9.5	-11.1
HAUGHTON	1,079	N.A.	-35.0
HAYNESVILLE	12,909	+20.6	+18.8
HENDERSON	3,189	-44.0	-7.2
IBERIA PAR. S.B.	554,709	+20.4	-6.6
IBERVILLE PAR. S.B.	305,115	+4.6	+0.8
IBERVILLE PARISH	305,115	+4.5	+0.8
INDEPENDENCE	5,853	+0.6	+28.1
IOTA	4,108	+17.2	-5.2
IOWA	6,651	+1.3	-34.6
JACKSON PAR. S.B.	59,558	-19.5	-19.7
JEANERETTE	26,782	+24.9	+7.6
JEFF. DAVIS PAR. S.B.	184,195	+18.8	+7.8
JEFFERSON PAR. S.B.	1,930,156	+61.5	-0.5
JEFFERSON PARISH	2,584,868	+7.7	-0.4
JENNINGS	74,455	+8.1	-0.1
JONESBORO	12,482	+78.6	-2.7
KENTWOOD	15,529	+18.7	+28.5
KROTZ SPRINGS	7,209	+18.0	+31.3
LA SALLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	60,499	N.A.	-1.8
LAFAYETTE PAR. POL. JURY	833,239	+53.3	+18.9
LAFAYETTE PAR. S.B.	1,416,143	+33.6	+2.7
LAFAYETTE	898,929	+24.8	-4.8
LAFOURCHE PAR. S.B.	418,917	-4.9	-2.8
LAFOURCHE PARISH	141,701	N.A.	-6.8
LAKE ARTHUR	10,398	N.A.	+0.7
LAKE CHARLES	524,098	+9.1	+13.1
LEESVILLE	48,778	+13.3	-6.4
LINCOLN PAR. POL. JURY	66,000	+0.1	-9.4
LINCOLN PAR. S.B.	131,999	+0.1	-9.4
LIVINGSTON PAR. S.B.	111,286	+4.7	-14.7
LIVINGSTON	2,508	-46.8	-34.2
LOCKPORT	4,782	-14.6	-24.1
LUTCHER	4,056	+6.6	-2.0
MADISON PAR. S.B.	51,000	-21.1	-21.5
MAMOU	4,564	-10.1	-0.6
MANDEVILLE	26,916	+12.5	-5.4
MANGHAM	2,455	+21.5	+11.1
MANSFIELD	41,022	N.A.	+12.1
MARKSVILLE	19,629	+51.2	+1.4
MAURICE	2,288	-1.0	+8.1
MELVILLE	1,161	-18.0	-38.6
MER ROUGE	1,142	+17.7	+80.6
MERMENTAU	553	-19.1	-19.1
MINDEN	61,827	+8.1	+5.8
MINDEN (CITY) S.B.	106,529	+9.4	+8.2
MONROE	855,867	+5.9	-1.2
MORGANZA	2,479	+29.2	-10.5
MORMOUSE PAR. S.B.	91,744	+11.1	-9.2
MORSE	1,524	-15.5	+25.8
MADELONVILLE	1,858	+1.8	-22.2
NATCHITOCHES PAR. S.B.	137,106	+11.1	+9.1
NATCHITOCHES	166,152	+135.0	-0.5
NEW IBERIA	117,913	+6.2	-1.1
NEW ROADS	19,184	+11.2	+0.8
NEWELLAND	2,952	+34.8	-30.8
OAK GROVE	1,567	-6.2	-6.6
OAKDALE	21,051	+0.6	-8.9
OBERLIN	4,790	-11.1	-20.6
OIL CITY	9,281	+7.2	-7.8
OPELOUSAS	181,110	+23.2	+5.1
OUACHITA PAR. POL. JURY	201,111	+10.2	+9.0
OUACHITA PAR. S.B.	217,267	+8.9	+8.2
PEARL RIVER	5,581	+29.8	+26.8
PINE PRAIRIE	1,761	-11.9	-15.0
PINEVILLE	48,564	-11.8	-6.1
PLAIN DEALING	5,213	-6.3	+15.1
PLAQUEMINES PAR. COMM. CODE	103,366	+13.7	-5.4
PLAQUEMINES PAR. S.B.	151,681	+13.7	-5.4
PLAUCHEVILLE	1,020	+13.2	+28.1
POINTE COUPEE PAR. S.B.	168,578	+16.4	-21.5
POINTE COUPEE PARISH	168,578	+16.4	-21.5
POLLOCK	654	N.A.	-8.1
PONCHATOULA	26,522	+4.0	+7.1
PORT ALLEN	20,911	-6.1	-25.8
RAPIDES PARISH	584,651	-6.4	-3.1
RAYNE	57,628	+9.2	+0.1
RAYVILLE	14,123	+3.6	+6.1
RED RIVER PAR. POL. JURY	25,911	+16.5	-10.8
RICHLAND PAR. S. B.	93,732	-11.9	-1.2
RINGGOLD	5,636	+19.9	+62.7
ROSELAND	2,161	+12.9	-0.1
ROSEPINE	1,271	+13.9	-13.8
RUSTON	48,724	+8.9	-4.9
SABINE PAR. S.B.	73,476	-14.9	+0.6
SARPY	711	+80.5	-22.8
SCOTT	20,259	+43.2	-7.7
SHREVEPORT	1,157,875	+13.5	-0.6
SLIDELL	187,742	+5.3	+5.4
SPRINGHILL	34,877	+9.0	+18.6
ST. CHARLES PAR. POL. JURY	251,877	+17.7	+12.6
ST. CHARLES PAR. S.B.	812,156	-5.9	+12.7
ST. JAMES PAR. S.B.	132,631	-44.3	-9.7
ST. JOHN PAR. S. B.	136,688	+17.2	-6.7
ST. LANDRY PAR. S.B.	187,711	+22.8	-9.4
ST. MARTIN PAR. S.B.	172,975	+12.8	-2.2
ST. MARTINVILLE	26,981	+4.5	-2.8
SULPHUR	205,847	+20.1	+8.9
SUNSET	7,726	+63.5	+18.2
TALLULAH	24,114	+27.2	+16.2
TANGIPAHOA (VILLAGE OF)	1,024	+10.3	+1.4
TANGIPAHOA PAR. S.B.	266,523	+2.8	+5.2
TENSAS PAR. POL. JURY	10,131	+16.3	+14.8
TENSAS PAR. S.B.	28,384	-0.6	+17.7
TERREBONNE PAR. S.B.	585,574	+23.8	-2.5
TERREBONNE PARISH	975,957	+23.4	-2.5
UNION PAR. S. B.	53,651	-11.5	-8.1
VERMILION PAR. POL. JURY	128,866	+14.8	-11.0
VERMILION PAR. S.B.	328,873	+14.8	-11.0
VERNON PAR. S.B.	116,073	+13.3	-17.4
VIDALIA	22,140	+10.4	-3.7
VILLE PLATTE	15,691	+9.8	+1.9
VIVIAN	18,187	+2.4	+1.3
W. B. R. PARISH	139,260	+19.9	-16.6
W. CARROLL PAR. S. B.	19,785	+4.5	+2.7
W. FELICIANA PAR. S.B.	459,656	+159.5	+199.8
W.B.R. PAR. S.B.	139,262	+19.9	-16.6
WALKER	5,063	+2.8	+10.2
WASHINGTON (TOWN OF)	2,747	-26.3	-43.5
WASHINGTON PAR. S.B.	83,232	-24.6	-6.0
WEBSTER PAR. S.B.	154,266	+3.6	-26.1
WELSH	15,697	-1.9	-7.1
WEST MONROE	165,609	+11.0	+9.2
WESTLAKE	42,962	+92.3	-11.0
WINN PAR. S.B.	57,534	-10.0	-6.6
WINNSBORO	38,629	+1.4	-0.9
WISNER	8,570	+30.2	+9.3
YOUNGSVILLE	5,638	+80.3	+17.5
ZACHARY	59,419	-1.8	-19.2
TOTAL REPORTED THIS MONTH	$37,847,152	N.A.	N.A.
**SUM OF COMPARABLE COLLECTIONS	$37,493,870	+17.1	-0.8

*Tax rates are 1%, except for Ascension Parish School Board—2%; Avoyelles Parish School Board—1½%; Baker—2%; Basile—2%; Bienville Parish School Board—2% (1%—School Dist. #1; 1%—parishwide); Bogalusa—2%; Bossier Parish School Board—1½%; Bunkie—1½%; Catahoula Parish School Board—2½%; Crowley—1½%; East Baton Rouge City-Parish—2%; East Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Eunice—2%; Franklin Parish School Board—1½%; Iberia Parish School Board—1¾%; Independence—1½%; Jeanerette—1¾%; Jefferson Parish School Board—1½%; Jefferson Parish—1½%; Jonesboro—2%; Lafourche Parish—½%; Lincoln Parish Police Jury—½%; Livingston Parish School Board—2%; Madison Parish School Board—1½%; Madison Parish Police Jury—½%; Marksville—1½%; Monroe—1½%; Natchitoches Parish School Board—2%; New Iberia—1¾%; New Orleans—2½%; Opelousas—2%; Orleans Parish School Board—1½%; Parks—2%; Pine Prairie—2%; Plaquemines Parish School Board—½%; Rayne—2%; Rayville—1½%; Red River Parish School Board—2%; Richland Parish School Board—1½%; Ruston—½%; St. Bernard Parish Police Jury—1½%; St. Bernard Parish School Board—1½%; St. Charles Parish Police Jury—⅝%; St. Charles Parish School Board—2%; St. Mary Parish—1¾%; St. Mary Parish School Board—95%; St. Tammany Parish School Board—2%; Sulphur—2%; Terrebonne Parish—1¾% (¾% is a special dedication); Terrebonne Parish School Board—⅜%; Vinton—2%; West Monroe—1½%; West Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Westlake—2%; Zachary—2%; ½% is shared by Monroe (City) School Board and Ouachita Parish School Board. Included are use tax and hotel-motel taxes wherever applicable.

**Figures shown for "comparable collections" are made up *only* of administrative units reporting March 1981, February 1981, and March 1980.

SOURCE: Local taxing authorities who report current data which are received on or before monthly publishing deadline.

LOUISIANA TOURIST TRAFFIC DATA

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Visitors to Selected Tourist Attractions
Source: State Parks Commission & Other Tourist Attractions

SITE	March 1981	February 1981	March 1980	Percent Change March 1981-March 1980	Percent Change March 1981-Feb. 1981
Audubon State Comm. Area	10,239	5,034	N.A.		+ 103.4
Avery Island	8,105	1,607	7,236	+ 12.0	+ 404.4
Baton Rouge Old State Capitol	5,677	3,371	4,377	+ 29.7	+ 68.4
Old Arsenal Museum	5,642	3,780	5,037	+ 12.0	+ 49.3
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	321	231	318	+ 0.9	+ 39.0
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	5,734	2,994	11,812	- 51.5	+ 91.5
Chicot State Park	38,965	18,098	18,915	+106.0	+ 115.3
Cypremort Point State Park	5,846	2,532	3,738	+ 56.4	+ 130.9
Fairview Riverside State Park	43,719	10,108	25,758	+ 69.7	+ 332.5
Fontainebleau State Park	16,594	8,438	28,394	- 41.6	+ 96.7
Fort Jesup State Comm. Area	4,472	4,404	6,402	- 30.1	+ 1.5
Fort Pike State Comm. Area	10,200	5,500	14,015	- 27.2	+ 85.5
Grand Isle State Park	10,052	5,788	10,660	- 5.7	+ 73.7
Hodges Gardens	8,659	679	6,666	+ 29.9	+1,175.3
Indian Creek Recreational Area	5,111	1,940	5,656	- 9.6	+ 163.5
Kent House State Commemorative Area	608	414	690	- 11.9	+ 46.9
Lake Bistineau State Park	10,546	5,541	19,989	- 47.2	+ 90.3
Lake Bruin State Park	1,605	806	N.A.		+ 99.1
Lake Claiborne State Park	3,600	1,632	2,598	+ 38.6	+ 120.6
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	2,103	1,444	1,581	+ 33.0	+ 45.6
Longfellow-Evangeline State Comm. Area	35,968	22,452	86,152	- 58.3	+ 60.2
Marksville State Comm. Area	845	320	1,123	- 24.8	+ 164.1
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	2,063	2,360	2,250	- 8.3	- 12.6
Rebel State Commemorative Area	1,159	766	1,668	- 30.5	+ 51.3
St. Bernard State Park	4,140	1,196	4,626	- 10.5	+ 246.2
Sam Houston Jones State Park	36,887	22,612	27,337	+ 34.9	+ 63.1
Shreveport The La. State Exhibit Museum	47,600	22,600	48,200	- 1.2	+ 110.6
The La. State Fairgrounds	31,000	71,640	72,500	- 57.2	- 56.7
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Area	75	20	53	+ 41.5	+ 275.0

N.A.—Not Available.

Visitors to Tourist Information Stations
Source: Louisiana Office of Tourism

STATION	March 1981	February 1981	March 1980	Percent Change March 1981-March 1980	Percent Change March 1981-Feb. 1981
Bastrop Snyder Museum	483	355	762	- 36.6	+ 36.1
Baton Rouge State Capitol	24,067	13,566	18,300	+ 31.5	+ 77.4
Greenwood	9,577	5,872	8,161	+ 17.4	+ 63.1
Kentwood	10,459	7,391	6,777	+ 54.3	+ 41.5
New Orleans	13,153	10,290	16,563	- 20.6	+ 27.8
St. Francisville	4,203	1,826	3,452	+ 21.8	+ 130.1
Slidell (I-59)	35,395	32,987	42,230	- 16.2	+ 7.3
Slidell (I-10)	95,551	83,425	87,075	+ 9.7	+ 14.5
Toledo Bend	2,805	1,219	2,180	+ 28.7	+ 130.1
Vidalia	1,591	772	1,251	+ 27.2	+ 106.1
Vinton	16,469	14,967	38,002	- 56.7	+ 10.0

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[1] TRADE WEIGHTED DOLLAR (MAY 29, 1970=100) (APRIL)	88.80	+4.6	+2.2	N.A.
[2] MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE (EXPORTS MINUS IMPORTS) (MIL. $,FEB.)	-2,157.6	-55.0	-50.6	-23.4
[2] NET EXPORTS OF:				
MEATS AND POULTRY (MIL. $,FEB.)	-66.4	-38.8	-24.2	-37.5
PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS (MIL.$,FEB.)	-7,021.2	+0.1	-1.3	+10.1
CHEMICALS (MIL. $,FEB.)	917.1	+13.1	-3.0	+7.5
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (MIL. $,FEB.)	590.5	+351.1	-30.4	-344.6
[2] EXPORTS OF:				
RAW COTTON (MIL. $,FEB.)	296.4	-15.6	-1.0	-1.9
SOYBEANS (MIL. $,FEB.)	465.6	-9.3	-24.2	-3.6
RICE, GRAINS, AND CEREALS (MIL. $,FEB.)	1,830.9	+38.8	-1.2	+40.6

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: UNITED STATES

[3] CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS U.S. CITY AVG(1967=100)				
ALL ITEMS(APRIL)	266.8	+10.0	+0.6	N.A.
[3] PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES(1967=100)				
FINISHED GOODS(APRIL)	267.7	+10.6	+0.9	N.A.
CONSUMER FINISHED GOODS (APRIL)	269.6	+10.6	+0.9	+10.5
INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS (APRIL)	305.4	+10.8	+1.3	+10.3
CRUDE MATERIALS (APRIL)	335.2	+17.1	+0.7	+13.6
[4] INDEX OF 12 LEADING INDICATORS (1967=100) (MARCH)	137.1	+4.3	+1.4	N.A.
[6] TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (NUMBER,MARCH)	106,177,000	+1.9	+0.5	N.A.
[6] TOTAL EMPLOYED (NUMBER,MARCH)	98,412,000	+0.8	+0.5	N.A.
[6] UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	7.3	+15.9	+0.0	N.A.
[7] HOUSING STARTS (PRIVATE) (UNITS,APRIL)	124,000	+28.9	+15.2	+16.1
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON 3-MONTH FEDERAL SECURITIES (APRIL)	13.69	+3.7	+2.5	N.A.
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON STATE AND LOCAL BONDS (Aaa,APRIL)	9.78	+23.0	+2.9	N.A.
[8] AVERAGE PERCENT YIELD ON CORPORATE BONDS (APRIL)	14.66	+11.0	+2.8	N.A.
[9] M1-A --MONEY STOCK (CURRENCY PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS) (BIL. $,MARCH)	364.8	-2.1	-0.3	-1.2
[9] M1-B --MONEY STOCK (M1-A PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT BANKS AND THRIFT INSTITUTIONS) (BIL. $,MARCH)	421.6	+7.8	+1.0	+7.2
[10] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE (THOUS. $,MARCH)	36,536,898	+22.3	+20.4	+16.6
[11] BANK DEBITS (BIL. $,MARCH)	75,487.3	+27.5	+3.2	+24.6

The Division of Research announces the retirement of Miss Marian Lawrence on June 30, 1981. Miss Lawrence has worked on the *Louisiana Business Review* and the *Louisiana Economic Indicators* since 1958. A reception honoring Miss Lawrence's retirement will be held June 26, 1981, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. in 3303 CEBA.

FOOTNOTES: see p. 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[12] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,APRIL)	2,845,067	+3.5	+0.4	+1.7
[10] POSTAL REVENUES ($,MAR 21--APR 17)	14,590,036	+28.0	+22.0	+9.9
[10] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE (THOUS. $,MARCH)	846,536	+19.7	+21.2	+18.3
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (APRIL)	N.A.	+0.6	-6.3	-0.2
[14] NEW CORPORATIONS (NUMBER,APRIL)	1,079	+2.3	+4.6	+22.3
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,APRIL)	N.A.	+16.5	+1.0	+12.1
[15] NEW PASSENGER CAR SALES (NUMBER,MARCH)	16,004	+3.8	+17.0	+1.7
[15] NEW TRUCK SALES (NUMBER,MARCH)	6,187	-1.8	+7.5	-0.4
PRODUCTION				
[16] CRUDE PETROLEUM AND LEASE CONDENSATE PRODUCTION (42-GAL BBLS,APRIL)	37,680,000	-7.4	-3.1	-4.0
NORTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL. BBLS.,APRIL)	2,628,000	-2.7	-3.1	+4.1
SOUTH LOUISIANA (42-GAL. BBLS.,APRIL)	35,052,000	-7.7	-3.2	-4.5
CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS (BBLS., DAILY AVG. FOR APRIL)	1,348,656	-5.0	-4.9	-4.1
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	-1.3	+1.4	-2.2
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	-0.5	-2.0	+0.1
PRICE INDEXES FOR LOUISIANA FARM PRODUCTS [17]				
ALL CROPS INDEX (1967=100) (APRIL)	302	+28.0	+3.4	+27.0
ALL LIVESTOCK INDEX (1967=100) (APRIL)	248	+5.1	+2.1	-4.3
ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX (1967=100) (APRIL)	281	+19.1	+2.9	+14.0
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	5,926	+40.1	+7.4	N.A.
VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,APRIL)	174,479,764	+152.4	+10.7	+81.7
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ($,MARCH)	300,300,000	N.A.	N.A.	+6.0
RESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	113,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	+24.8
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	100,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	-20.5
NONBUILDING ($,MARCH)	86,000,000	N.A.	N.A.	+42.5
FINANCE				
[19] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,APRIL)	4,553,660,414	+11.1	+0.8	+5.1
[20] BANK DEBITS ($,APRIL)	31,255,031,761	+30.9	-0.5	+25.1
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MARCH)	70,900,000	+10.8	+25.9	+11.7
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
NUMBER EMPLOYED (NONAGRICULTURAL,APRIL)	1,620,900	+4.3	+0.2	+4.4
TRADE EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	361,400	+2.7	+0.4	+2.2
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	319,900	+4.2	-0.1	+4.4
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	279,600	+4.7	+0.5	+4.9
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	214,700	+2.4	+0.2	+2.5
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	127,000	+2.3	+1.0	+2.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	150,200	+11.2	-1.1	+12.4
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	75,500	+1.3	-0.1	+1.9
MINING AND QUARRYING EMPLOYMENT (APRIL)	92,600	+9.2	+0.4	+9.3
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	7.0	+11.1	-4.1	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING HOURS (NUMBER,APRIL)	40.2	-1.7	-1.5	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING EARNINGS ($,APRIL)	337.28	+7.2	-1.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [23]				
SEVERANCE TAX ($,APRIL)	85,726,886	+85.4	+9.3	+66.9
SALES TAX: GENERAL ($,APRIL)	67,195,973	+20.9	+12.2	+16.9
MOTOR VEHICLE ($,APRIL)	9,675,440	+17.1	+10.9	+6.0
GASOLINE TAX ($,APRIL)	13,516,787	+0.3	+13.7	+4.3
ROYALTIES, RENTALS, AND BONUSES ($,APRIL)	64,327,031	+90.1	+80.0	+73.4
INCOME TAXES: INDIVIDUAL ($,APRIL)	- 10,816,358			
CORPORATION ($,APRIL)	35,492,816	-8.3	+157.8	+11.8
CORPORATION FRANCHISE TAX ($,APRIL)	- 166,465			
TOBACCO TAX AND PERMITS ($,APRIL)	5,560,889	+18.4	+7.6	+11.8
ALCOHOLIC BEV. TAX, BEER TAX, AND PERMITS ($,APRIL)	4,235,022	+15.6	+7.9	+9.2
OTHER TAXES, FEES, AND PERMITS ($,APRIL)	34,907,504	-2.1	-69.2	-10.5
TOTAL REVENUES ($,APRIL)	309,655,525	+18.3	-6.9	+21.0

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA METROPOLITAN AREAS

NEW ORLEANS AREA

(INCLUDES JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[24] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,APRIL)	965,113	+2.1	+0.3	+2.3
[25] POSTAL REVENUES ($,MAR 21--APR 17)	5,838,852	+29.1	+29.0	+8.6
[26] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MARCH)	273,822	-1.2	+23.7	-4.0
[26] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MARCH)	1,796.7	-9.6	+16.1	-12.5
[27] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF NEW ORLEANS (TONS,APRIL)	1,119,325	+3.2	-12.4	-7.3
[28] ATTENDANCE OF CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS (NUMBER,APRIL)	55,243	-10.8	+2.6	-19.2
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,FEB.)	38,694,000	+3.2	-1.8	+6.7
WHOLESALE SALES ($,APRIL)	N.A.	+12.2	-2.9	+11.7
PRODUCTION				
[30] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	-1.8	-0.1	-0.5
CONSTRUCTION				
[31] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	949	+58.8	+34.6	N.A.
[31] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,APRIL)	61,767,173	+197.0	+71.5	+55.7
[32] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	28,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+15.8
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	9,700,000	N.A.	N.A.	+12.2
FINANCE				
[33] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,APRIL)	1,768,827,081	+7.5	+1.4	+1.9
[33] BANK DEBITS ($,APRIL)	13,232,598,164	+24.8	+0.2	+20.8
[32] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MARCH)	30,400,000	-5.3	+12.6	+2.7
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22,32]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	6.4	+25.5	+1.6	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MARCH)	15,993,557	+30.6	+16.8	+17.0

BATON ROUGE AREA

(INCLUDES ASCENSION, E. BATON ROUGE, LIVINGSTON, AND W. BATON ROUGE PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[35] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,APRIL)	371,405	+4.7	+0.5	+4.8
[36] POSTAL REVENUES ($,MAR 21--APR 17)	2,670,356	+33.9	+17.3	+12.6
[37] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (APRIL)	N.A.	+10.7	-0.1	+1.6
[38] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED LINAGE (APRIL)	1,230,479	+8.7	-3.3	+2.0
[39] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED AD COUNT (NUMBER,APRIL)	98,162	-0.2	-2.4	-5.2
[39] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,APRIL)	21,115	-10.4	-3.1	-10.7
[39] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,APRIL)	36.8	-43.7	+28.3	-40.4
[40] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF BATON ROUGE (TONS,MARCH)	58,925	+26.7	-12.2	-13.2
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,FEB.)	17,354,000	+0.6	+0.8	+5.1
WHOLESALE SALES ($,APRIL)	N.A.	+11.8	-4.5	+13.8
PRODUCTION				
[41] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	+3.5	-1.6	+2.7
CONSTRUCTION				
[42] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	2,675	+49.8	-1.2	N.A.
[42] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,APRIL)	15,602,458	+33.3	+42.2	+22.9
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	21,200,000	N.A.	N.A.	+72.1
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	5,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+40.2
FINANCE				
[43] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,APRIL)	731,730,945	+14.1	+3.9	+10.7
[43] BANK DEBITS ($,APRIL)	7,497,778,607	+62.1	-0.7	+48.8
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MARCH)	11,600,000	+81.3	+45.0	+38.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	7.8	+18.7	+0.0	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MARCH)	6,812,602	+19.8	+7.7	+11.0

LAKE CHARLES AREA

(INCLUDES CALCASIEU PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
44 TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,APRIL)	117,744	+4.3	+0.7	+4.2
45 POSTAL REVENUES ($,MAR 21--APR 17)	438,522	+26.2	+26.3	+10.1
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (APRIL)	N.A.	-4.4	+6.8	-2.7
46 AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,APRIL)	4,458	+1.8	+0.1	+0.4
46 AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,APRIL)	7.4	-2.2	+1.4	-8.0
47 OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF LAKE CHARLES (TONS,APRIL)	416,695	-3.8	+23.9	-9.1
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,APRIL)	N.A.	+13.8	+0.3	+13.5
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	+0.8	+1.7	+1.7
CONSTRUCTION				
48 NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	271	+10.2	-7.5	N.A.
48 VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,APRIL)	4,056,909	-6.7	-94.0	+277.0
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	4,200,000	N.A.	N.A.	+37.5
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	27,700,000	N.A.	N.A.	-80.1
FINANCE				
BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,APRIL)	286,606,618	+18.9	+2.8	+10.4
BANK DEBITS ($,APRIL)	1,193,496,633	+51.3	-5.8	+59.6
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MARCH)	3,000,000	-30.2	-16.7	+26.8
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT 22				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	7.4	-5.1	+4.2	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS 34				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MARCH)	1,889,707	+17.7	+27.2	+13.7

ALEXANDRIA AREA

(INCLUDES GRANT AND RAPIDES PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
49 TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,APRIL)	83,492	+1.6	+0.3	+1.6
50 POSTAL REVENUES ($,MAR 21--APR 17)	82,223	-74.0	-74.8	-18.4
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (APRIL)	N.A.	-5.5	-7.2	-4.9
51 AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,APRIL)	4,921	-14.5	+2.1	-16.3
51 AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,APRIL)	38.9	-13.2	-9.5	+11.9
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,APRIL)	N.A.	+3.4	+8.4	-2.2
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	+12.6	-3.0	+1.2
CONSTRUCTION				
52 NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	136	+18.3	+38.8	N.A.
52 VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,APRIL)	2,989,574	+7.7	+36.6	-1.1
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	3,700,000	N.A.	N.A.	+19.5
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	200,000	N.A.	N.A.	-68.5
FINANCE				
53 BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,APRIL)	163,863,817	+11.8	+3.5	+5.4
53 BANK DEBITS ($,APRIL)	563,743,966	-0.4	-0.6	+1.2
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MARCH)	1,100,000	+120.0	+22.2	+150.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT 22,54				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	10.0	+19.0	+2.0	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS 34				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MARCH)	922,340	+4.6	+16.0	+1.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

(INCLUDES BOSSIER, CADDO, AND WEBSTER PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[55] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,APRIL)	253,764	+2.8	+0.3	+3.1
[56] POSTAL REVENUES ($,MAR 21--APR 17)	1,788,811	+24.5	+17.3	+8.8
[57] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (APRIL)	N.A.	-0.4	-21.1	+4.6
[58] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,APRIL)	32,317	-11.9	+3.9	-14.1
[58] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,APRIL)	685.0	-2.6	-5.3	+0.1
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,FEB.)	9,678,000	+4.8	+0.1	+7.1
WHOLESALE SALES ($,APRIL)	N.A.	+10.5	-4.5	+9.0
PRODUCTION				
[59] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	+1.2	+0.3	+0.9
CONSTRUCTION				
[60] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	770	+10.5	+2.8	N.A.
[60] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,APRIL)	15,226,233	+165.2	+22.7	+31.3
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	10,600,000	N.A.	N.A.	+65.6
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	28,300,000	N.A.	N.A.	+345.5
FINANCE				
[61] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,APRIL)	505,052,268	+5.7	-7.1	-3.3
[61] BANK DEBITS ($,APRIL)	5,319,031,398	+23.7	-1.8	+18.8
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MARCH)	3,100,000	+63.2	+40.9	+31.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	7.0	+18.6	-1.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MARCH)	3,887,848	+0.5	+8.8	+14.9

MONROE AREA

(INCLUDES MOREHOUSE AND OUACHITA PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[62] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,APRIL)	119,234	+1.6	+0.3	+2.3
[62] POSTAL REVENUES ($,MAR 21--APR 17)	742,718	+28.7	+23.9	+13.0
[63] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,APRIL)	8,883	-5.6	+10.8	-14.7
[63] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,APRIL)	24.6	-23.7	+4.1	-12.5
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,APRIL)	N.A.	+16.6	+14.3	+8.3
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,APRIL)	N.A.	-2.2	-0.6	-0.6
CONSTRUCTION				
[64] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	91	+15.2	+19.7	N.A.
[64] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,APRIL)	2,734,424	+14.3	+11.3	-22.5
[65] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	5,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	+12.1
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MARCH)	3,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	-9.6
FINANCE				
[66] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,APRIL)	183,659,725	-0.6	+3.2	-6.3
[66] BANK DEBITS ($,APRIL)	1,743,421,947	+16.0	+4.7	+5.6
[65] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MARCH)	3,800,000	+40.7	+100.0	+26.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22,65]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	9.1	+23.0	+0.0	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MARCH)	1,613,974	-2.4	-3.4	+2.5

LAFAYETTE AREA

(INCLUDES LAFAYETTE PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[67] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER, APRIL)	131,943	+8.7	+0.9	+8.7
POSTAL REVENUES ($, MAR 21--APR 17)	709,608	+86.7	+27.1	+16.8
[68] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER, APRIL)	11,024	+11.9	+9.1	+2.9
[68] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS, APRIL)	32.7	-14.8	+21.3	-12.3
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($, APRIL)	N.A.	+44.5	+27.1	+17.1
PRODUCTION				
[69] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, APRIL)	N.A.	+5.5	+1.2	+10.6
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (APRIL)	628	+77.9	+39.6	N.A.
VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($, APRIL)	29,557,755	+154.5	+80.5	+203.5
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($, MARCH)	1,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	-18.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($, MARCH)	11,300,000	N.A.	N.A.	+2,050.0
FINANCE				
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($, MARCH)	5,300,000	+83.2	+32.5	+9.9
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MARCH)	3.6	-5.3	-5.3	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($, MARCH)	3,430,223	+30.4	-6.3	+29.6

n.a.—either not applicable, or not printed to maintain confidentiality.

[1] *Wall Street Journal*: figures effective on May 1, 1981.
[2] *Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[3] Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
[4] *Business Conditions Digest*, U.S. Department of Commerce.
[5] *Industrial Production* (G. 12.3), Federal Reserve System.
[6] *Employment and Earnings*, U.S. Department of Labor.
[7] U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[8] Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 13, Federal Reserve System.
[9] *Monetary Trends*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
[10] Life Insurance Marketing & Research Ass'n., Hartford, Conn.
[11] Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 6, Federal Reserve System.
[12] South Central Bell Telephone Co. Figures for company-owned phones as of the end of the month.
[13] Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., New York City, N.Y.
[14] Office of the Secretary of State. Includes new domestic charters filed between April 1-28, 1981.
[15] R. L. Polk & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
[16] Estimates taken from *Weekly Statistical Bulletin*, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.
[17] La. Office of Agricultural Statistician, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, cooperating with the Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, LSU.
[18] F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.
[19] Figures shown for end of the month. Excludes interbank, U.S. Government, and time deposits.
[20] Bank debits charged to demand deposit accounts. Excludes interbank & U.S. Government accounts.
[21] Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas.
[22] La. Dept. of Employment Security, Baton Rouge, La. New series—not comparable to any previous years' figures.
[23] Budget Office, Division of Administration, State of La., Baton Rouge, La. Note minus values for Individual Income and Corporation Franchise taxes.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

[24] New Orleans, Slidell, Covington, Norco, Luling, Paradis, Kenner.
[25] Gretna, Harvey, Metairie, Westwego, Marrero, New Orleans, Arabi, Chalmette, Norco, Luling, Covington, Slidell, Mandeville.
[26] New Orleans International Airport.
[27] Incls. inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[28] Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission.
[29] *Monthly Retail Trade—Sales & Inventories*. U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[30] Area figure for New Orleans, Covington, Luling, Arabi, Chalmette.
[31] Gretna, Westwego, Kenner, Grand Isle, New Orleans, St. Bernard Parish, St. Charles Parish, Covington, Slidell, Madisonville, Mandeville, Pearl River.
[32] Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Tammany parishes.
[33] Orleans, Jefferson parishes, Covington, Slidell, with 9 banks missing.
[34] Dept. of Revenue, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.

BATON ROUGE AREA

[35] Baton Rouge, Zachary, Donaldsonville.
[36] Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen.
[37] Baton Rouge, Denham Springs.
[38] Capital City Press.
[39] Greater Baton Rouge Airport District.
[40] Incls. imports & exports of general cargo passing over public facilities.
[41] Area figure for Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge.
[42] Incls. permits for elec., air conditioning, & plumbing for Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen, Gonzales.
[43] Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Baton Rouge, Baker, Zachary, Denham Springs, Port Allen, with 3 banks missing for deposits and 5 banks missing for debits.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

[44] Lake Charles, Sulphur, Vinton.
[45] Lake Charles only.
[46] Lake Charles Municipal Airport.
[47] Incls. inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[48] Lake Charles, Westlake, Sulphur.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

[49] Alexandria, Pineville, Colfax.
[50] Alexandria, Pineville.
[51] Rapides Municipal Airport.
[52] Alexandria, Lecompte, Pineville.
[53] One bank missing.
[54] Rapides, Avoyelles, Grant parishes.

SHREVEPORT-MINDEN AREA

[55] Shreveport-Bossier City, Minden.
[56] Bossier City, Shreveport, Minden, Springhill.
[57] Shreveport only.
[58] Shreveport Airport Authority.
[59] Area figure for Shreveport, Minden, Springhill.
[60] Bossier City, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill, Cullen.
[61] Bossier City, Plain Dealing, Shreveport, Vivian, Minden, Springhill, with one bank missing.

BASTROP-MONROE AREA

[62] Monroe, West Monroe, Bastrop.
[63] Monroe Municipal Airport.
[64] Bastrop, Monroe, West Monroe, Sterlington.
[65] Ouachita Parish only.
[66] One bank missing for deposits; two banks missing for debits.

LAFAYETTE AREA

[67] City of Lafayette, towns of Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Youngsville.
[68] Lafayette Airport Commission.
[69] Area figure for Lafayette.

LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS*

(COLLECTIONS FOR INDICATED MONTH BASED ON SALES FOR PRECEDING MONTH)
(DOLLARS)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS	APRIL 1981	PERCENT CHANGE APR. 1981-APR. 1980	PERCENT CHANGE APR. 1981-MAR. 1981	MCF 1981-1981
ABBEVILLE	84,380	+17.4	+20.7	N.A.
ABITA SPRINGS	1,872	+12.8	-48.6	
ACADIA PAR. S.B.	276,103	+11.8	+28.1	
ALBANY	2,536	+7.2	+82.2	
ALEXANDRIA	340,249	+1.3	-0.5	
ALLEN PAR. S.B.	71,555	+1.2	+6.7	
ANITE CITY	32,361	+7.2	+25.6	
ARCADIA	18,570	-15.0	+18.5	
ARNAUDVILLE	8,798	+16.4	+28.3	
ASCENSION PAR. POL. JURY	281,944	+15.7	+19.1	
ASCENSION PARISH, WEST	21,065	N.A.	N.A.	
ASSUMPTION PAR. S.B.	99,956	+2.9	+7.8	
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AVOYELLES PAR. S.B.	198,187	+8.6	+10.3	
BAKER	65,335	-2.2	+6.2	
BASILE	8,338	+121.8	+12.4	
BASTROP	86,730	+9.6	+20.9	
BEAUREGARD PAR. S.B.	188,691	+5.1	+20.4	
BENSICK	6,007	-7.7	+13.2	
BIENVILLE PAR. S.B.	95,674	-18.9	+35.3	
BOGALUSA	160,270	-14.2	+5.0	
BOSSIER CITY	289,631	+22.6	+42.5	
BOSSIER PAR. S.B.	573,826	+21.2	+38.1	
BREAUX BRIDGE	30,788	+12.6	+5.7	
BROUSSARD	26,491	+18.3	+12.8	
BUNKIE	43,682	+19.0	+58.4	
CADDO PAR. S.B.	1,666,994	+20.6	+24.4	
CALCASIEU PAR. S.B.	1,680,890	+16.2	+36.2	
CALDWELL PARISH POLICE JURY	32,017	+12.1	+17.6	
CALDWELL PARISH S.B.	32,017	+12.8	+17.6	
CAMERON	698	+16.6	+16.2	
CARENCRO	23,583	+29.5	-8.1	
CHURCH POINT	18,488	-31.7	+11.8	
CLAIBORNE PAR. S.B.	80,237	+80.3	-0.2	
COLFAX	6,421	N.A.	+36.8	
CONCORDIA PAR. POL. JURY	64,834	+11.7	+23.7	
CONCORDIA PAR. S.B.	96,492	+7.6	+11.5	
COTTON VALLEY	629	-57.7	-76.7	
COTTONPORT	6,216	+13.8	+3.3	
COUSHATTA	20,362	+6.6	+13.3	
COVINGTON	58,851	-1.8	+5.6	
CROWLEY	121,436	+26.4	+19.2	
CULLEN	3,006	+12.8	-0.2	
DELCAMBRE	15,611	+139.8	+281.0	
DENHAM SPRINGS	75,382	+21.7	+19.2	
DEQUINCY	57,258	-10.7	+8.8	
DERIDDER	68,202	+13.2	+25.5	
DESOTO PAR. S.B.	233,096	+79.8	+10.9	
DIXIE INN	3,808	N.A.	-6.2	
DONALDSONVILLE	37,519	+15.0	+22.-	
DYSON	9,616	+84.3	+40.8	
E. CARROLL PAR. S.B.	47,477	+12.8	+24.3	
E.B.R. CITY-PARISH	5,085,216	+24.5	+15.3	
E.A.P. PAR. S.B.	2,698,182	+27.5	+17.2	
ELTON	3,216	-35.9	-1.0	
ERATH	10,131	+20.1	-13.4	
ESTHERWOOD	1,456	+76.3	+87.1	
EUNICE	162,222	+16.9	+9.8	
EVANGELINE PAR. S.B.	111,412	-24.0	+18.3	
FARMERVILLE	24,259	+18.3	+49.8	
FERRIDAY	30,604	+16.0	+35.8	
FOLSOM	3,787	+32.0	+49.0	
FRANKLIN PAR. S.B.	135,001	+92.1	+23.6	
FRANKLINTON	30,699	+5.8	+26.1	
GONZALES	80,277	+12.6	+19.4	
GRAMERCY	14,809	+11.2	+12.9	
GRAND COTEAU	2,578	+105.8	+52.6	
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	39,847	+20.6	+52.6	
GREENSBURG	6,219	-37.3	+72.6	
HAMMOND	141,235	+11.6	+23.8	
HAUGHTON	3,012	N.A.	+179.1	
HAYNESVILLE	15,163	+14.3	+17.5	
HENDERSON	3,850	+12.0	+20.7	
IBERIA PAR. S.B.	756,054	+40.1	+35.8	
IBERVILLE PAR. S.B.	326,063	+1.1	+6.9	
IBERVILLE PARISH	325,853	+1.0	+6.8	
INDEPENDENCE	6,132	+29.0	+12.5	
IOTA	6,172	-2.2	+1.6	
IOWA	7,862	+80.0	+19.6	
JACKSON PAR. S.B.	77,948	+9.6	+30.9	
JEANERETTE	31,656	+20.2	+18.2	
JEFF. DAVIS PAR. S.B.	269,530	+51.8	+46.3	
JEFFERSON PAR. S.B.	4,405,387	+66.1	+12.1	
JEFFERSON PARISH	3,927,118	+53.7	+51.9	
JENNINGS	93,278	+28.8	+25.3	
JONESBORO	49,340	+114.5	+16.1	
KENTWOOD	12,958	-27.0	-16.5	
KROTZ SPRINGS	35,983	+427.7	+398.1	
LA SALLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	85,311	N.A.	+61.0	
LAFAYETTE PAR. POL. JURY	666,908	+60.6	+7.8	
LAFAYETTE PAR. S.B.	1,581,313	+38.2	+11.7	
LAFAYETTE	1,031,178	+25.4	+14.8	
LAFOURCHE PAR. S.B.	538,902	+12.6	+27.5	
LAFOURCHE PARISH	168,115	N.A.	+10.6	
LAKE ARTHUR	10,569	N.A.	+1.6	
LAKE CHARLES	583,575	+20.9	+11.3	
LEESVILLE	58,301	-8.1	+15.8	
LINCOLN PAR. POL. JURY	89,599	+10.6	+35.8	
LINCOLN PAR. S.B.	179,199	+10.6	+35.8	
LIVINGSTON PAR. S.B.	464,374	+31.3	+49.2	
LIVINGSTON	3,521	+11.4	+80.4	
LOCKPORT	9,132	-15.8	-8.6	
LUTCHER	10,580	+5.3	+18.8	
MADISON PAR. POL. JURY	26,186	+5.4	N.A.	
MAMOU	11,609	+12.9	+21.4	
MANDEVILLE	11,002	+38.2	+15.2	
MANGHAM	2,808	+27.3	-1.4	
MANSFIELD	45,384	N.A.	+10.5	
MARKSVILLE	44,108	+56.7	+11.1	
MAURICE	2,664	+15.7	+16.4	
MELVILLE	4,089	+11.5	+29.1	
MER ROUGE	5,497	+63.8	-25.6	
MERMENTAU	530	-31.5	-5.7	
MINDEN	82,211	+5.1	+28.8	
MONROE (CITY) S.B.	117,531	+19.1	+10.1	
MONROE	531,131	+27.1	+16.7	
MORGANZILLE	1,171	+48.1	+27.9	
MORehouse PAR. S.B.	110,376	+12.8	+17.7	
MORSE	1,811	+9.2	+18.8	
NAPOLEONVILLE	5,338	+5.1	+18.5	
NATCHITOCHES PAR. S.B.	194,328	+10.6	+61.7	
NATCHITOCHES	191,803	+124.7	+15.8	
NEW IBERIA	105,895	+9.8	-1.8	
NEW ORLEANS	7,016,691	+35.6	-6.4	
NEW ROADS	24,455	+18.8	+27.5	
OPELOUSAS	1,561	+4.1	+20.7	
OAK GROVE	18,918	-8.6	+21.7	
OAKDALE	29,660	+4.7	+28.6	
OBERLIN	6,004	-8.8	+25.1	
OIL CITY	9,184	+6.5	-1.1	
OPELOUSAS	219,377	+6.1	+18.8	
ORLEANS PAR. S.B.	8,365,976	+61.2	-10.7	
OUACHITA PAR. POL. JURY	219,377	+10.3	+9.2	
OUACHITA PAR. S.B.	239,705	+18.6	+10.1	
PARKS	5,909	+18.8	+149.1	
PEARL RIVER	8,351	+4.6	-21.5	
PINE PRAIRIE	2,412	+7.6	+17.0	
PINEVILLE	58,022	+8.2	+19.5	
PLAIN DEALING	5,177	-10.1	-0.7	
PLAQUEMINES PAR. COMM. COUNC.	197,885	+33.0	+31.1	
PLAQUEMINES PAR. S.B.	198,923	+33.0	+31.1	
PLAUCHEVILLE	884	+6.5	-13.1	
POINTE COUPEE PAR. S.B.	207,628	+15.3	+21.2	
POINTE COUPEE PARISH	207,628	+15.3	+21.2	
POLLOCK	906	+81.6	+38.5	
PONCHATOULA	26,431	+3.1	-0.1	
PORT ALLEN	24,180	+28.2	+15.6	
RAPIDES PARISH	664,778	+1.3	+13.7	
RAYNE	73,571	-1.6	+27.7	
RAYVILLE	38,803	+11.9	+13.7	
RED RIVER PAR. POL. JURY	95,934	+292.3	+270.2	
RED RIVER PAR. S. B.	67,961	+51.9	+63.7	
RICHLAND PAR. S. B.	127,191	-2.8	+15.7	
RINGGOLD	6,031	+9.0	+6.3	
ROSELAND	1,962	-27.0	-10.1	
ROSEPINE	1,807	+48.2	+42.2	
RUSTON	61,205	+12.0	+25.6	
SABINE PAR. S.B.	94,481	+10.1	+28.6	
SCOTT	20,804	+82.1	+2.7	
SHREVEPORT	1,939,015	+66.6	+67.5	
SLIDELL	235,558	+48.1	+59.4	
SPRINGFIELD	1,107	-0.7	+20.6	
SPRINGHILL	82,049	+15.9	+20.6	
ST. CHARLES PAR. POL. JURY	324,014	+37.1	+27.6	
ST. CHARLES PAR. S.B.	1,048,343	+29.7	+29.1	
ST. FRANCISVILLE	20,027	+32.8	+50.9	
ST. JAMES PAR. S.B.	254,871	+10.7	+91.9	
ST. JOHN PAR. S. B.	510,152	+45.6	+51.5	
ST. LANDRY PAR. S.B.	510,531	+27.3	+31.7	
ST. MARTIN PAR. S.B.	210,874	+38.8	+31.9	
ST. MARTINVILLE	32,303	+36.7	+19.7	
SULPHUR	283,163	+21.1	+18.8	
SUNSET	7,452	+13.5	-3.5	
TALLULAH	26,682	+21.6	+9.7	
TANGIPAHOA (VILLAGE OF)	1,095	+13.1	+6.8	
TANGIPAHOA PAR. S.B.	310,637	+9.4	+16.6	
TENSAS PAR. POL. JURY	28,381	-8.8	-5.3	
TENSAS PAR. S.B.	35,500	+16.8	+25.1	
TERREBONNE PAR. S.B.	669,912	+17.5	+14.4	
TERREBONNE PARISH	1,116,553	+17.5	+14.4	
THIBODAUX	200,631	+108.1	+98.8	
UNION PAR. S. B.	75,527	+26.2	+61.1	
VERMILION PAR. POL. JURY	184,739	+21.1	+17.0	
VERMILION PAR. S.B.	384,747	+21.1	+17.0	
VERNON PAR. S.B.	122,607	+17.5	+5.4	
VIDALIA	11,000	+61.3	+62.0	
VILLE PLATTE	43,424	+15.5	+21.7	
VINTON	19,544	+5.8	+19.5	
VIVIAN	24,270	+26.8	+13.4	
W. B. R. PARISH	174,998	+38.8	+25.7	
W. CARROLL PAR. S. B.	51,570	+1.3	+29.6	
W. FELICIANA PAR. S.B.	373,072	+58.8	-18.8	
W.B.R. PAR. S.B.	175,001	+38.8	+25.7	
WALKER	6,405	+80.0	+26.5	
WASHINGTON (TOWN OF)	8,042	-5.0	+47.1	
WASHINGTON PAR. S.B.	67,027	-8.4	+9.5	
WEBSTER PAR. S.B.	199,816	-10.5	+29.5	
WELSH	20,300	+14.9	+29.1	
WEST MONROE	168,389	+13.9	+1.7	
WESTLAKE	57,184	+169.1	+33.5	
WINN PAR. S.B.	84,714	+12.7	+47.2	
WINNSBORO	45,811	+1.6	+17.6	
WISNER	7,452	+22.8	+61.1	
YOUNGSVILLE	6,038	+49.2	+7.1	
ZACHARY	59,136	-3.6	-0.5	
TOTAL REPORTED THIS MONTH	$57,979,574	N.A.	N.A.	
**SUM OF COMPARABLE COLLECTIONS	57,601,929	+11.7	+15.2	

*Tax rates are 1¼, except for Ascension Parish School Board—2¼; West Ascension Parish—½¼; Avoyelles Parish School Board—1½¼; Baker—2¼; Basile—2¼; Bienville Parish School Board—2¾ (1¼—School Dist. #1; 1¼—parishwide); Bogalusa—2¼; Bossier Parish School Board—1½¼; Bunkie—1½¼; Catahoula Parish School Board—2½¼; Crowley—1½¼; East Baton Rouge City-Parish—2¼; East Feliciana Parish School Board—2¼; Eunice—2¼; Franklin Parish School Board—1½¼; Iberia Parish School Board-1¾¼; Independence—1½¼; Jeanerette—1¾¼; Jefferson Parish School Board—1½¼; Jefferson Parish—1½¼; Jonesboro—2¼; Lafourche Parish—½¼; Lincoln Parish Police Jury—½¼; Livingston Parish School Board—2¼; Madison Parish School Board—1½¼; Madison Parish Police Jury—½¼; Marksville—1½¼; Monroe—1½¼; Natchitoches Parish School Board—2¼; New Iberia—1¾¼; New Orleans—2½¼; Opelousas—2¼; Orleans Parish School Board—1½¼; Parks—2¼; Pine Prairie—2¼; Plaquemines Parish School Board—½¼; Rayne—2¼; Rayville—1½¼; Red River Parish School Board—2¼; Richland Parish School Board—1½¼; Ruston—½¼; St. Bernard Parish Police Jury—1½¼; St. Bernard Parish School Board—1½¼; St. Charles Parish Police Jury—⅝¼; St. Charles Parish School Board—2¼; St. Mary Parish—1¾¼; St. Mary Parish School Board—.95¼; St. Tammany Parish School Board—2¼; Sulphur—2¼; Terrebonne Parish—1¼¼ (¼¼ is a special dedication); Terrebonne Parish School Board—¾¼; Vinton—2¼; West Monroe—1½¼; West Feliciana Parish School Board—2¼; Westlake—2¼; Zachary—2¼; ½¼ is shared by Monroe (City) School Board and Ouachita Parish School Board. Included are use tax and hotel-motel taxes wherever applicable.

**Figures shown for "comparable collections" are made up *only* of administrative units reporting April 1981, March 1981, and April 1980.

SOURCE: Local taxing authorities who report current data which are received on/or before monthly publishing deadline.

LOUISIANA TOURIST TRAFFIC DATA

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Visitors to Selected Tourist Attractions
Source: State Parks Commission & Other Tourist Attractions

SITE	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980	Percent Change: April 1981-April 1980	Percent Change: April 1981-March 1981
Audubon State Comm. Area	12,423	10,239	13,809	- 10.0	+ 21.3
Avery Island	9,086	8,105	7,847	+ 15.8	+ 12.1
Baton Rouge Old State Capitol	7,184	5,677	6,180	+ 16.2	+ 26.5
Old Arsenal Museum	8,144	5,642	6,271	+ 29.9	+ 44.3
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	369	321	N.C.		+ 15.0
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	8,532	5,734	13,442	- 36.5	+ 48.8
Chicot State Park	55,008	38,965	54,114	+ 1.7	+ 41.2
Cypremort Point State Park	19,168	5,846	7,165	+167.5	+227.9
Edward Douglass White State Comm. Area	205	161	N.A.		+ 27.3
Fairview Riverside State Park	25,352	43,719	29,762	- 14.8	+ 42.0
Fontainebleau State Park	15,346	16,594	33,132	- 53.7	- 7.5
Fort Jesup State Comm. Area	4,814	4,472	9,468	- 49.2	+ 7.6
Fort Pike State Comm. Area	10,000	10,200	9,139	+ 9.4	- 2.0
Grand Isle State Park	59,240	10,052	17,312	+242.2	+489.3
Hodges Gardens	21,642	8,659	15,678	+ 38.0	+149.9
Indian Creek Recreational Area	17,855	5,111	10,970	+ 62.8	+249.3
Kent House State Commemorative Area	973	608	1,244	- 21.8	+ 60.0
Lake Bistineau State Park	16,139	10,546	27,788	- 41.9	+ 53.0
Lake Bruin State Park	4,802	1,605	3,494	+ 37.4	+199.2
Lake Claiborne State Park	12,520	3,600	8,860	+ 41.3	+247.8
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	3,786	2,103	2,167	+ 74.7	+ 80.0
Longfellow-Evangeline State Comm. Area	30,532	35,968	28,344	+ 7.7	- 15.1
New Orleans The La. State Museum	20,526	16,493	23,572	- 12.9	+ 24.5
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	2,422	2,063	4,108	- 41.0	+ 17.4
Rebel State Commemorative Area	1,569	1,159	1,668	- 5.9	+ 35.4
St. Bernard State Park	11,396	4,140	6,438	+ 77.0	+175.3
Sam Houston Jones State Park	49,402	36,887	39,245	+ 25.9	+ 33.9
Shreveport The La. State Exhibit Museum	50,100	47,600	53,200	- 5.8	+ 5.3
The La. State Fairgrounds	143,850	31,000	142,050	+ 1.3	+364.0
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Area	106	75	114	- 7.0	+ 41.3

N.C.—Not comparable.
N.A.—Not available.

Visitors to Tourist Information Stations
Source: Louisiana Office of Tourism

STATION	April 1981	March 1981	April 1980	Percent Change: April 1981-April 1980	Percent Change: April 1981-March 1981
Bastrop Snyder Museum	466	483	887	- 47.5	- 3.5
Baton Rouge State Capitol	25,646	24,067	28,356	- 9.6	+ 6.6
Greenwood	9,532	9,577	8,908	+ 7.0	- 0.5
Kentwood	9,283	10,459	8,256	+ 12.4	- 11.2
New Orleans	10,220	13,153	16,317	- 37.4	- 22.3
St. Francisville	3,787	4,203	3,069	+ 23.4	- 9.9
Slidell (I-59)	31,520	35,395	36,197	- 12.9	- 10.9
Slidell (I-10)	81,529	95,551	81,414	+ 0.1	- 14.7
Toledo Bend	3,073	2,805	2,830	+ 8.6	+ 9.6
Vidalia	1,302	1,591	964	+ 35.1	- 18.2
Vinton	15,405	16,469	32,121	- 52.0	- 6.5

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS: INTERNATIONAL

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
[1] TRADE WEIGHTED DOLLAR (MAY 29, 1970=100) (MAY)	91.10	+11.5	+2.8	N.A.
[2] MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE (EXPORTS MINUS IMPORTS) (MIL. $,MARCH)	484.9	-118.1	-122.5	-46.0
[2] NET EXPORTS OF:				
MEATS AND POULTRY (MIL. $,MARCH)	-4.2	-95.2	-93.7	-52.6
PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS (MIL.$,MARCH)	-5,696.0	-13.7	-18.9	+2.0
CHEMICALS (MIL. $,MARCH)	1,226.6	+12.1	+33.7	+9.3
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (MIL. $,MARCH)	541.8	+203.4	-8.2	-583.4
[2] EXPORTS OF:				
RAW COTTON (MIL. $,MARCH)	115.0	-19.1	+6.3	-8.6
SOYBEANS (MIL. $,MARCH)	847.4	+76.5	+82.1	+20.5
RICE, GRAINS, AND CEREALS (MIL. $,MARCH)	1,942.3	+36.0	+6.1	+39.3

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: UNITED STATES

[3] CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS U.S. CITY AVG(1967=100)				
ALL ITEMS (MAY)	269.0	+9.8	+0.8	N.A.
[3] PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES(1967=100)				
FINISHED GOODS(MAY)	268.9	+10.5	+3.4	N.A.
CONSUMER FINISHED GOODS (MAY)	270.6	+10.4	+3.4	+10.5
INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS (MAY)	306.6	+10.7	+3.4	+10.4
CRUDE MATERIALS (MAY)	333.2	+15.2	-3.6	+13.9
[4] INDEX OF 12 LEADING INDICATORS (1967=100) (APRIL)	138.3	+9.6	+0.4	N.A.
[5] INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (1967=100) (MAY)	152.8	+6.1	+0.3	N.A.
[5] TOTAL ENERGY INDEX (1967=100) (MAY)	131.9	-2.9	-0.4	N.A.
[6] TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (NUMBER,APRIL)	106,722,000	+2.2	+0.5	N.A.
[6] TOTAL EMPLOYED (NUMBER,APRIL)	98,976,000	+1.8	+0.6	N.A.
[6] UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	7.3	+5.8	+0.0	N.A.
[7] HOUSING STARTS (PRIVATE) (UNITS,MAY)	109,900	+19.8	-11.1	+16.8
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON 3-MONTH FEDERAL SECURITIES (MAY)	16.30	+90.0	+19.1	N.A.
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON STATE AND LOCAL BONDS (Aaa,MAY)	9.88	+45.3	+1.0	N.A.
[8] AVERAGE PERCENT YIELD ON CORPORATE BONDS (MAY)	15.15	+25.1	+1.3	N.A.
[9] M1-A --MONEY STOCK (CURRENCY PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS) (BIL. $,APRIL)	365.1	-0.4	+0.0	-0.9
[9] M1-B --MONEY STOCK (M1-A PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT BANKS AND THRIFT INSTITUTIONS) (BIL. $,APRIL)	429.5	+11.1	+1.6	+8.2
[10] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE (THOUS. $,APRIL)	17,054,836	+19.3	+1.4	+17.4
[11] BANK DEBITS (BIL. $,APRIL)	73,621.7	+35.7	-2.5	+24.9

FOOTNOTES: see p. 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[12] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	2,846,389	+3.4	+0.0	+3.6
POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 16--MAY 15)	14,485,953	+26.8	-1.1	+13.2
[10] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE (THOUS. $,APRIL)	871,787	+14.3	+3.0	+17.2
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MAY)	N.A.	-0.8	+1.5	+0.1
[14] NEW CORPORATIONS (NUMBER,MAY)	1,159	+16.6	+7.4	+21.1
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	+9.2	-2.7	+11.7
[15] NEW PASSENGER CAR SALES (NUMBER,APRIL)	14,048	-6.6	-18.5	-0.4
[15] NEW TRUCK SALES (NUMBER,APRIL)	6,767	+15.1	+9.4	+1.5
PRODUCTION				
CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS (BBLS., DAILY AVG. FOR MAY)	1,187,781	-10.1	+2.1	-7.5
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+7.5	+11.9	-0.2
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+7.2	+7.6	+1.5
PRICE INDEXES FOR LOUISIANA FARM PRODUCTS				
ALL CROPS INDEX (1967=100) (MAY)	301	+25.4	-0.1	+26.7
[5] ALL LIVESTOCK INDEX (1967=100) (MAY)	230	-0.9	-4.2	-4.1
ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX (1967=100) (MAY)	279	+15.6	-1.8	+14.2
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	5,129	+17.8	-11.0	N.A.
VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	96,719,914	+20.6	-44.5	+67.7
[18] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ($,APRIL)	343,000,000	N.A.	N.A.	+22.0
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	135,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+39.6
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	145,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	+0.8
NONBUILDING ($,APRIL)	61,600,000	N.A.	N.A.	+41.6
FINANCE				
[19] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MAY)	4,049,674,485	+7.5	-0.9	+5.0
[20] BANK DEBITS ($,MAY)	28,211,829,656	+15.9	+1.1	+26.1
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	97,700,000	+12.9	+3.8	+23.1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22]				
NUMBER EMPLOYED (NONAGRICULTURAL,WAGE[25])	1,623,700	+4.8	+0.2	+4.5
TRADE EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	382,600	+2.9	+0.4	+2.1
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	317,600	+4.5	-0.5	+4.4
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	280,300	+4.9	+0.3	+4.9
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	215,300	+2.6	+0.1	+2.5
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	127,400	+2.7	+0.2	+2.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	151,800	+15.4	+0.6	+13.1
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	75,700	+1.6	+0.1	+1.8
MINING AND QUARRYING EMPLOYMENT (MAY)	93,000	+7.5	+0.2	+9.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	7.1	+12.3	+0.0	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING HOURS (NUMBER,MAY)	41.1	+1.2	+1.7	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING EARNINGS ($,MAY)	385.65	+10.4	+1.8	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[23]				
SEVERANCE TAX ($,MAY)	98,084,919	+92.2	+9.7	+72.4
SALES TAX: GENERAL ($,MAY)	67,997,181	+19.1	+1.2	+17.3
MOTOR VEHICLE ($,MAY)	8,426,227	+21.8	-12.9	+8.8
GASOLINE TAX ($,MAY)	14,270,712	+1.8	+5.6	+1.7
ROYALTIES, RENTALS, AND BONUSES ($,MAY)	47,388,746	-74.3	-26.1	-16.7
INCOME TAXES: INDIVIDUAL ($,MAY)	15,618,977	-61.1	--	-84.1
CORPORATION ($,MAY)	48,626,620	+3.1	+17.0	+8.0
CORPORATION FRANCHISE TAX ($,MAY)	42,841,726	+20.7	--	+3.0
TOBACCO TAX AND PERMITS ($,MAY)	5,392,136	-3.5	-3.0	+8.0
ALCOHOLIC BEV. TAX, BEER TAX, AND PERMITS ($,MAY)	4,771,295	+11.0	+12.7	+10.0
OTHER TAXES, FEES, AND PERMITS ($,MAY)	43,116,771	+38.6	+23.5	-4.0
TOTAL REVENUES ($,MAY)	392,535,510	-17.0	+26.8	+8.5

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA METROPOLITAN AREAS

NEW ORLEANS AREA

(INCLUDES JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[24] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	965,119	+2.0	+0.0	+2.3
[25] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 18--MAY 15)	5,495,649	+21.3	-5.9	+11.1
[26] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,APRIL)	256,316	-6.3	-6.5	-4.6
[26] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,APRIL)	1,791.8	-5.4	-0.3	-10.7
[27] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF NEW ORLEANS (TONS,MAY)	1,197,152	-2.8	+7.0	-6.4
[28] ATTENDANCE OF CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS (NUMBER,MAY)	46,290	-5.9	-16.2	-16.9
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,MARCH)	45,671,000	+6.1	+11.2	+6.6
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	+15.6	+0.0	+12.4
PRODUCTION				
[30] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+9.3	+19.8	+1.5
CONSTRUCTION				
[31] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	771	+5.5	-18.8	N.A.
[31] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	28,148,948	+8.6	-54.4	+45.6
[32] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	33,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	+29.7
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	14,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+15.6
FINANCE				
[33] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MAY)	1,162,063,921	+0.5	-3.3	-1.2
[33] BANK DEBITS ($,MAY)	9,677,238,322	+25.2	+1.8	+18.9
[32] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	46,300,000	+25.8	+2.4	+21.3
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22, 32]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	6.4	+23.1	-1.5	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,APRIL)	16,355,166	+19.0	+2.3	+17.5

BATON ROUGE AREA

(INCLUDES ASCENSION, E. BATON ROUGE, LIVINGSTON, AND W. BATON ROUGE PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[35] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	370,072	+4.3	-0.4	+4.7
[36] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 18--MAY 15)	2,584,051	+26.4	-3.2	+15.3
[37] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MAY)	N.A.	+4.7	+5.0	+2.2
[38] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED LINAGE (MAY)	1,337,970	+9.7	+8.7	+3.6
[38] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED AD COUNT (NUMBER,MAY)	104,837	+1.6	+6.8	-3.8
[39] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MAY)	22,231	-5.4	+5.3	-9.6
[39] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MAY)	53.0	+0.1	+44.0	-34.0
[40] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF BATON ROUGE (TONS,APRIL)	51,893	-43.8	-11.9	-22.7
TRADE				
DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,MARCH)	23,235,000	+13.5	+33.9	+8.3
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	+8.2	+1.2	+12.4
PRODUCTION				
[41] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+9.0	+3.7	+4.0
CONSTRUCTION				
[42] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	2,474	+30.9	-7.5	N.A.
[42] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	16,105,162	+29.4	+3.2	+24.1
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	13,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	+84.7
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	6,300,000	N.A.	N.A.	+9.6
FINANCE				
[43] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MAY)	730,717,030	+14.6	-0.1	+11.3
[43] BANK DEBITS ($,MAY)	8,351,553,806	+86.3	+11.9	+56.4
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	9,800,000	+100.0	-3.9	+44.8
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	8.1	+22.7	+1.3	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,APRIL)	7,031,690	+24.4	+3.2	+16.1

LAKE CHARLES AREA

(INCLUDES CALCASIEU PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[44] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	118,147	+4.7	+0.3	+4.3
[45] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 18--MAY 15)	402,968	+31.2	-8.1	+14.2
[46] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MAY)	4,485	+1.3	+0.6	+0.6
[46] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MAY)	0.6	-6.6	-10.4	-7.8
[47] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF LAKE CHARLES (TONS,MAY)	372,287	-4.6	-10.7	-8.4
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	+11.2	-6.2	+12.7
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+11.7	+7.8	+3.7
CONSTRUCTION				
[48] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	295	+15.1	+10.0	N.A.
[48] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	4,843,817	-19.6	+19.4	+216.1
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	4,600,300	N.A.	N.A.	+52.6
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	5,200,300	N.A.	N.A.	-76.7
FINANCE				
BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MAY)	275,313,092	+8.4	-3.9	+10.0
BANK DEBITS ($,MAY)	1,109,722,353	+76.1	-7.3	+62.5
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	4,300,300	-20.4	+0.0	+18.5
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	7.3	+21.7	-1.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,APRIL)	2,071,908	+25.2	+9.6	+16.6

ALEXANDRIA AREA

(INCLUDES GRANT AND RAPIDES PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[49] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	83,554	+1.6	+0.1	+1.6
[50] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 18--MAY 15)	367,021	+24.2	+346.4	-10.8
NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MAY)	N.A.	+4.3	+7.8	-3.0
[51] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MAY)	5,658	-3.3	+15.3	-13.6
[51] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MAY)	39.8	+3.8	+2.1	+10.2
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	-1.7	-13.6	-0.9
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+7.4	+13.2	+2.5
CONSTRUCTION				
[52] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	103	-1.0	-23.7	N.A.
[52] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	1,215,132	-61.9	-59.3	-18.9
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	4,600,300	N.A.	N.A.	+22.1
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	700,000	N.A.	N.A.	-62.0
FINANCE				
[53] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MAY)	159,500,661	+5.3	-2.7	+5.8
[53] BANK DEBITS ($,MAY)	562,124,817	+10.7	-0.3	+3.0
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	700,300	-36.4	-36.4	+68.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22, 54]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	9.5	+15.9	-7.8	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,APRIL)	1,008,483	+18.8	+9.3	+5.5

SHREVEPORT AREA

(INCLUDES BOSSIER, CADDO, AND WEBSTER PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[55] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	253,837	+2.4	-0.2	+3.0
[56] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 18--MAY 15)	2,029,342	+41.6	+12.4	+15.2
[57] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (MAY)	N.A.	-1.0	+1.9	+3.3
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,MARCH)	12,481,300	+10.2	+28.9	+8.3
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	+9.4	+3.6	+12.3
PRODUCTION				
[58] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+11.2	+16.5	+3.3
CONSTRUCTION				
[59] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	622	-1.3	-17.1	N.A.
[59] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	11,337,461	-9.1	-24.6	+14.2
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	5,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+51.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	21,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+413.1
FINANCE				
[60] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MAY)	522,516,109	+5.0	+3.5	-1.7
[60] BANK DEBITS ($,MAY)	4,746,599,016	+11.6	-10.8	+17.8
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	3,400,000	+112.5	+21.4	+44.6
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	6.7	+4.7	-5.6	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,APRIL)	4,413,799	+11.3	+23.8	+13.9

MONROE AREA

(INCLUDES MOREHOUSE AND OUACHITA PARISHES)

	VALUE OF QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[61] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	119,232	+1.6	+0.3	+1.9
[62] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 18--MAY 15)	708,424	+29.5	-4.6	+16.0
[63] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MAY)	9,376	-1.0	+5.5	-11.9
[63] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MAY)	30.0	-16.5	+22.3	-13.4
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	+1.6	-0.4	+6.0
PRODUCTION				
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+2.9	+0.8	+0.1
CONSTRUCTION				
[64] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	87	-9.4	-4.4	N.A.
[64] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	1,945,170	+26.6	-28.9	-17.3
[65] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	6,000,000	N.A.	N.A.	+53.2
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	100,000	N.A.	N.A.	-16.3
FINANCE				
[66] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,MAY)	177,923,961	-8.2	-3.1	-6.6
[66] BANK DEBITS ($,MAY)	1,914,276,412	+24.2	+4.1	+9.1
[65] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	3,400,000	+3.9	-17.1	+21.8
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22, 65]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	8.2	+9.3	-10.9	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,APRIL)	2,042,871	+9.1	+26.6	+8.2

LAFAYETTE AREA

(INCLUDES LAFAYETTE PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[67]TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,MAY)	33,141	+0.7	+0.2	+6.7
[68]POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,APR 18--MAY 15)	695,862	+2.1	-2.0	+21.7
[69]AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,MAY)	10,316	+5.6	-4.6	+3.5
[69]AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,MAY)	37.2	-9.8	+11.5	-10.9
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,MAY)	N.A.	-11.6	-33.3	+11.7
PRODUCTION				
[70]ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,MAY)	N.A.	+4.3	+1.6	+6.7
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (MAY)	190	+17.2	-16.6	N.A.
VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,MAY)	22,148,361	+104.3	-24.9	+174.5
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	16,430,300	N.A.	N.A.	+30.6
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,APRIL)	4,630,300	N.A.	N.A.	+394.1
FINANCE				
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,APRIL)	4,300,300	+90.6	-7.3	+15.6
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (APRIL)	3.4	-8.1	-5.6	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,APRIL)	1,619,453	+18.7	+11.8	+26.7

n.a.—either not applicable, or not printed to maintain confidentiality.
[1]*Wall Street Journal*; figures effective on May 29, 1981.
[2]*Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[3]Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.
[4]*Business Conditions Digest*, U.S. Department of Commerce.
[5]*Industrial Production* (G. 12.3), Federal Reserve System.
[6]*Employment and Earnings*, U.S. Department of Labor.
[7]U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
[8]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 13, Federal Reserve System.
[9]*Monetary Trends*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
[10]Life Insurance Marketing & Research Ass'n., Hartford, Conn.
[11]Federal Reserve Statistical Release G. 6, Federal Reserve System.
[12]South Central Bell Telephone Co. Figures for company-owned phones as of the end of the month.
[13]Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., New York City, N.Y.
[14]Office of the Secretary of State. Includes new domestic charters filed between April 29-May 28, 1981.
[15]R. L. Polk & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.
[16]Estimates taken from *Weekly Statistical Bulletin*, American Petroleum Institute, Washington, D.C.
[17]La. Office of Agricultural Statistician, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, cooperating with the Dept. of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness, LSU.
[18]F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.
[19]Figures shown for end of the month. Excludes interbank, U.S. Government, and time deposits.
[20]Bank debits charged to demand deposit accounts. Excludes interbank & U.S. Government accounts.
[21]Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas.
[22]La. Dept. of Employment Security, Baton Rouge, La. New series—not comparable to any previous years' figures.
[23]Budget Office, Division of Administration, State of La., Baton Rouge, La. Note minus values for Individual Income and Corporation Franchise taxes.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

[24]New Orleans, Slidell, Covington, Norco, Luling, Paradis, Kenner.
[25]New Orleans, Metairie, Covington, Slidell, Gretna, Harvey, Westwego, Marrero, Kenner, Arabi, Chalmette, Norco, Luling, Mandeville.
[26]New Orleans International Airport.
[27]Incls. inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[28]Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission.
[29]*Monthly Retail Trade—Sales & Inventories*.
[30]Area figure for New Orleans, Covington, Luling, Arabi, Chalmette.
[31]New Orleans, Gretna, Covington, Slidell, Westwego, Mandeville, Madisonville, Pearl River, St. Bernard Parish, Kenner, St. Charles Parish, Grand Isle.
[32]Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Tammany parishes.
[33]Orleans, Jefferson parishes, Covington, Slidell, with 5 banks missing.
[34]Dept. of Revenue, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.

BATON ROUGE AREA

[35]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Donaldsonville.
[36]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Baker, Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Port Allen, Denham Springs.
[37]Baton Rouge, Denham Springs.
[38]Capital City Press.
[39]Greater Baton Rouge Airport District.
[40]Include imports & exports of general cargo passing over public facilities.
[41]Area figure for Donaldsonville, Baton Rouge.
[42]Incls. permits for elec., air conditioning and plumbing for Baton Rouge, Zachary, Baker, Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Denham Springs, Port Allen.
[43]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Donaldsonville, Denham Springs, Gonzales, Port Allen, with 3 banks missing for deposits and 6 banks missing for debits.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

[44]Lake Charles, Sulphur, Vinton.
[45]Lake Charles only.
[46]Lake Charles Municipal Airport.
[47]Includes inbound & outbound cargo passing over public facilities.
[48]Lake Charles, Westlake, Sulphur.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

[49]Alexandria, Pineville, Coltax.
[50]Alexandria, Pineville.
[51]Rapides Municipal Airport.
[52]Alexandria, Pineville.
[53]Alexandria, Colfax, Cheneyville.
[54]Rapides, Avoyelles, Grant parishes.

SHREVEPORT-MINDEN AREA

[55]Shreveport-Bossier City, Minden.
[56]Bossier City, Shreveport, Minden, Springhill, Vivian.
[57]Shreveport, Minden.
[58]Shreveport, Springhill.
[59]Shreveport, Bossier City, Cullen.
[60]Bossier City, Shreveport, Minden, Springhill, Vivian, Plain Dealing, with one bank missing.

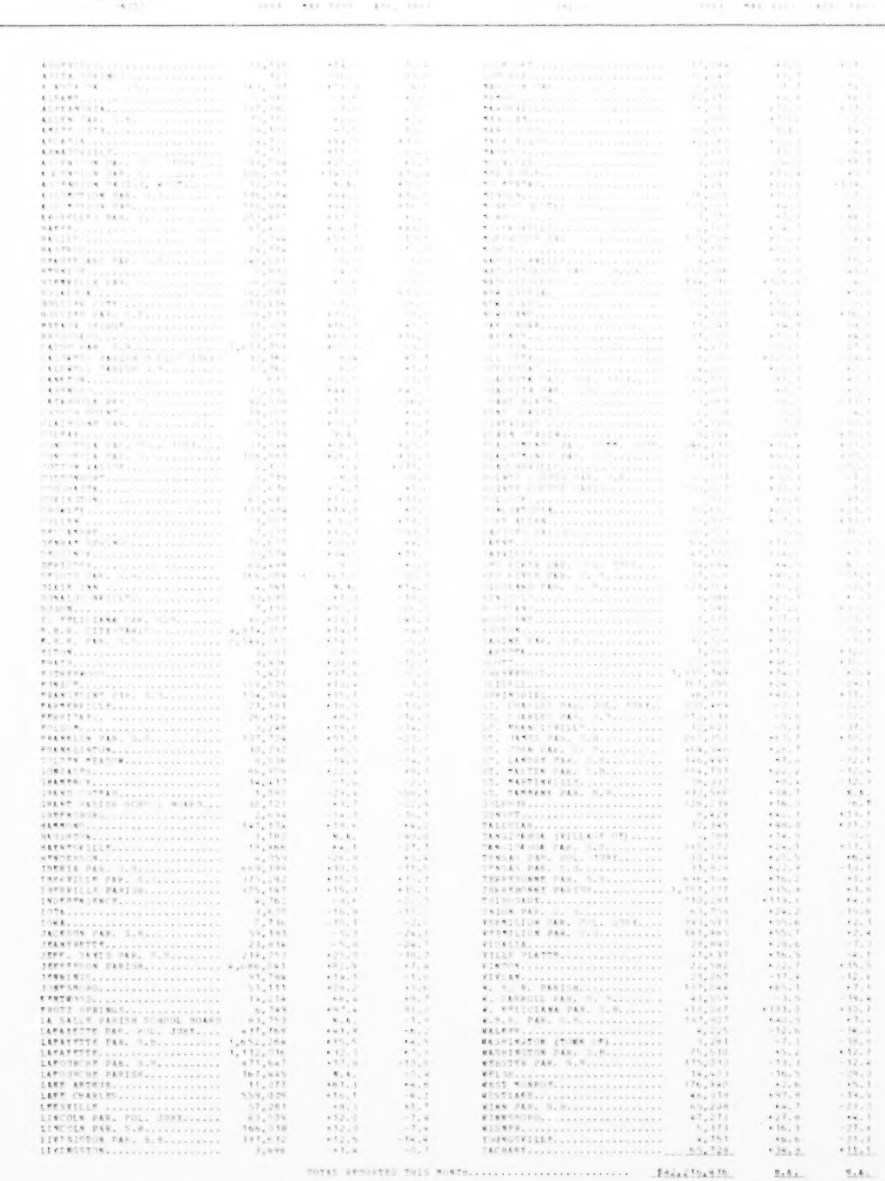
BASTROP-MONROE AREA

[61]Monroe, West Monroe, Bastrop.
[62]Bastrop, Monroe, West Monroe.
[63]Monroe Municipal Airport.
[64]Bastrop, Monroe, West Monroe, Sterlington.
[65]Ouachita Parish Only.
[66]Bastrop, Monroe, West Monroe, with one bank missing for deposits and two banks missing for debits.

LAFAYETTE AREA

[67]Lafayette, Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Youngsville.
[68]Lafayette only.
[69]Lafayette Airport Commission.
[70]Area figure for Lafayette.

LOUISIANA LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS



*Tax rates are 1%, except for Ascension Parish School Board—2%; West Ascension Parish—½%; Avoyelles Parish School Board—1½%; Baker—2%; Bastile—2%; Bienville Parish School Board—2% (1%—School Dist. #1, 1%—parishwide); Bogalusa—2%; Bossier Parish School Board—1½%; Bunkie—1½%; Catahoula Parish School Board—2½%; Crowley—1½%; East Baton Rouge City-Parish—2%; East Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Eunice—2%; Franklin Parish School Board—1½%; Iberia Parish School Board 1¼%; Independence—1½%; Jeanerette—1¼%; Jefferson Parish School Board—1½%; Jefferson Parish—1½%; Jonesboro—2%; Lafourche Parish—½%; Lincoln Parish Police Jury—½%; Livingston Parish School Board—2%; Madison Parish School Board—1½%; Madison Parish Police Jury—½%; Marksville—1½%; Monroe—1½%; Natchitoches Parish School Board—2%; New Iberia—1¼%; New Orleans—2½%; Opelousas—2%; Orleans Parish School Board—1½%; Parks—2%; Pine Prairie—2%; Plaquemines Parish School Board—½%; Rayne—2%; Rayville—1½%; Red River Parish School Board—2%; Richland Parish School Board—1½%; Ruston—½%; St. Bernard Parish Police Jury—1½%; St. Bernard Parish School Board—1½%; St. Charles Parish Police Jury—⅜%; St. Charles Parish School Board—2%; St. Mary Parish—1¾%; St. Mary Parish School Board—.95%; St. Tammany Parish School Board—2%; Sulphur—2%; Terrebonne Parish—1¼% (¼% is a special dedication); Terrebonne Parish School Board—¾%; Vinton—2%; West Monroe—1½%; West Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Westlake—2%; Zachary—2%. ½% is shared by Monroe (City) School Board and Ouachita Parish School Board. Included are use tax and hotel-motel taxes wherever applicable.

**Figures shown for "comparable collections" are made up *only* of administrative units reporting May 1981, April 1981, and May 1980.

SOURCE: Local taxing authorities who report current data which are received on/or before monthly publishing deadline

LOUISIANA TOURIST TRAFFIC DATA

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Visitors to Selected Tourist Attractions

Source: State Parks Commission & Other Tourist Attractions

SITE	May 1981	April 1981	May 1980	Percent Change: May 1981-May 1980	Percent Change: May 1981-April 1981
Audubon State Comm. Area	11,683	12,423	12,421	- 5.9	- 6.0
Avery Island	6,991	9,086	7,922	- 11.8	- 23.1
Baton Rouge Old State Capitol	9,105	7,184	7,521	+ 21.1	+ 26.7
Old Arsenal Museum	8,909	8,144	8,566	+ 4.1	+ 9.4
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	706	369	N.A.		+ 91.3
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	8,444	8,532	23,974	- 64.8	- 1.0
Chicot State Park	46,713	55,008	44,344	+ 5.3	- 15.1
Cypremort Point State Park	26,328	19,168	30,776	- 14.5	+ 37.4
Edward Douglass White State Comm. Area	233	205	N.A.		+ 13.7
Fairview Riverside State Park	29,602	25,352	49,115	- 39.7	+ 16.8
Fontainebleau State Park	16,320	15,346	37,844	- 56.9	+ 6.3
Fort Jesup State Comm. Area	6,240	4,814	8,066	- 22.6	+ 29.6
Fort Pike State Comm. Area	18,000	10,000	20,918	- 13.9	+ 80.0
Grand Isle State Park	89,012	59,240	38,224	+132.9	+ 50.3
Hodges Gardens	9,653	21,642	9,905	- 2.5	- 55.4
Indian Creek Recreational Area	21,320	17,855	25,478	- 16.3	+ 19.4
Kent House State Commemorative Area	1,080	973	2,098	- 48.0	+ 12.0
Lake Bistineau State Park	20,350	16,139	41,632	- 51.1	+ 26.1
Lake Bruin State Park	3,861	4,802	9,476	- 59.3	- 19.6
Lake Claiborne State Park	8,636	12,520	9,600	- 10.0	- 31.0
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	3,794	3,786	4,551	- 16.6	+ 0.2
Longfellow-Evangeline State Comm. Area	30,794	30,532	29,092	+ 5.9	+ 0.9
Marksville State Comm. Area	1,978	N.A.	2,227	- 11.2	
New Orleans The La. State Museum	23,882	20,526	25,014	- 4.5	+ 16.3
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	6,750	2,422	6,147	+ 9.8	+178.7
Rebel State Commemorative Area	3,878	1,569	2,277	+ 70.3	+147.2
St. Bernard State Park	15,920	11,396	5,812	+173.9	+ 39.7
Sam Houston Jones State Park	42,660	49,402	34,275	+ 24.5	- 13.6
Shreveport The La. State Exhibit Museum	37,600	50,100	38,400	- 2.1	- 25.0
The La. State Fairgrounds	70,759	143,850	62,814	+ 12.6	- 50.8
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Area	89	106	73	+ 21.9	- 16.0

N.A.—Not available

Visitors to Tourist Information Stations

Source: Louisiana Office of Tourism

STATION	May 1981	April 1981	May 1980	Percent Change: May 1981-May 1980	Percent Change: May 1981-April 1981
Bastrop Snyder Museum	677	466	740	- 8.5	+ 45.3
Baton Rouge State Capitol	29,098	25,646	36,835	- 21.0	+ 13.5
Greenwood	13,508	9,532	10,051	+ 34.4	+ 41.7
Kentwood	7,048	9,283	6,777	+ 4.0	- 24.1
New Orleans	11,326	10,220	12,514	- 9.5	+ 10.8
St. Francisville	3,352	3,787	2,300	+ 45.7	- 11.5
Slidell (I-59)	41,108	31,520	38,687	+ 6.3	+ 30.4
Slidell (I-10)	92,681	81,529	105,987	- 12.6	+ 13.7
Toledo Bend	2,177	3,073	2,596	- 16.1	- 29.2
Vidalia	1,276	1,302	925	+ 37.9	- 2.0
Vinton	17,014	15,405	24,991	- 31.9	+ 10.4

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[1] TRADE WEIGHTED DOLLAR (MAY 29, 1970=100) (JUNE)	93.60	+15.6	+2.5	N.A.
[2] MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCE (EXPORTS MINUS IMPORTS) (MIL. $,APRIL)	-2,471.2	+106.2	-609.6	-31.3
[3] NET EXPORTS OF:				
MEATS AND POULTRY (MIL. $,APRIL)	-41.4	-19.5	+885.7	-48.2
PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS (MIL.$,APRIL)	-7,083.1	+25.8	+24.4	+7.1
CHEMICALS (MIL. $,APRIL)	938.5	-4.7	-23.5	+5.7
TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT (MIL. $,APRIL)	2,697.9	N.A.	+398.0	N.A.
[2] EXPORTS OF:				
RAW COTTON (MIL. $,APRIL)	208.6	-63.4	-33.4	-14.5
SOYBEANS (MIL. $,APRIL)	487.2	-10.5	-42.5	+12.6
RICE, GRAINS, AND CEREALS (MIL. $,APRIL)	1,722.8	+21.0	-11.1	+34.1

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: UNITED STATES

[3] CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS U.S. CITY AVG(1967=100)				
ALL ITEMS(JUNE)	271.3	+9.6	+0.9	N.A.
[3] PRODUCER PRICE INDEXES(1967=100)				
FINISHED GOODS(JUNE)	269.9	+10.2	+0.4	N.A.
CONSUMER FINISHED GOODS (JUNE)	271.5	+10.0	+0.3	+10.4
INTERMEDIATE MATERIALS (JUNE)	307.1	+10.2	+0.2	+10.3
CRUDE MATERIALS (JUNE)	334.3	+15.9	+0.3	+14.3
[4] INDEX OF 12 LEADING INDICATORS (1967=100) (MAY)	135.2	+9.9	-1.8	N.A.
[5] INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX (1967=100) (JUNE)	152.7	+7.9	-0.1	N.A.
[5] TOTAL ENERGY INDEX (1967=100) (JUNE)	137.8	-0.4	+3.1	N.A.
[6] TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (NUMBER,MAY)	107,406,000	+2.2	+0.6	N.A.
[6] TOTAL EMPLOYED (NUMBER,MAY)	99,235,000	+2.2	+0.3	N.A.
[6] UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	7.6	+0.0	+4.1	N.A.
[7] HOUSING STARTS (PRIVATE) (UNITS,JUNE)	104,500	-10.2	-5.3	+11.3
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON 3-MONTH FEDERAL SECURITIES (JUNE)	14.73	+108.3	-9.6	N.A.
[8] PERCENT YIELD ON STATE AND LOCAL BONDS (Aaa,JUNE)	9.86	+38.7	-0.4	N.A.
[8] AVERAGE PERCENT YIELD ON CORPORATE BONDS (JUNE)	14.76	+26.8	-2.6	N.A.
[9] M1-A --MONEY STOCK (CURRENCY PLUS DEMAND DEPOSITS) (BIL. $,MAY)	363.7	-0.9	-0.4	-0.9
M1-B --MONEY STOCK (M1-A PLUS OTHER CHECKABLE DEPOSITS AT BANKS AND THRIFT INSTITUTIONS) (BIL. $,MAY)	427.7	+10.5	+0.0	+8.6
[10] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE (THOUS. $,MAY)	34,282,000	+13.5	-7.5	+16.6
[11] BANK DEBITS (BIL. $,MAY)	74,800.5	+21.6	+1.6	+24.2

FOOTNOTES: see p. 6.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[12] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER, JUNE)	2,852,631	+3.4	+0.2	+3.6
[13] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($, MAY 16--JUN 12)	12,747,793	+17.9	-8.1	+13.7
[11] BUSINESS FAILURES (NUMBER, FEB.)	20	+233.3	-98.2	+8,584.6
BUSINESS FAILURES ($, FEB.)	4,689,000	+243.0	-98.9	+2,022.4
[10] SALES OF ORDINARY LIFE INSURANCE (THOUS. $, MAY)	833,352	+25.3	-4.4	+18.8
[14] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (JUNE)	N.A.	+1.8	-11.7	+0.5
NEW CORPORATIONS (NUMBER, JUNE)	1,440	+84.4	+24.2	+30.2
TRADE				
[15] WHOLESALE SALES ($, JUNE)	N.A.	+9.6	-0.2	+10.8
[16] NEW PASSENGER CAR SALES (NUMBER, MAY)	12,492	-7.5	-4.3	-1.8
NEW TRUCK SALES (NUMBER, MAY)	6,280	+5.6	-7.2	+4.0
PRODUCTION				
CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS (BBLS., DAILY AVG. FOR JUNE)	1,156,880	-10.6	-8.8	-8.0
ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, JUNE)	N.A.	+2.4	+7.7	+1.1
INDUSTRIAL ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, JUNE)	N.A.	+4.8	-1.4	+2.0
PRICE INDEXES FOR LOUISIANA FARM PRODUCTS				
ALL CROPS INDEX (1967=100) (JUNE)	289	+21.4	-4.0	+25.8
ALL LIVESTOCK INDEX (1967=100) (JUNE)	230	-2.1	-0.9	-3.8
ALL FARM PRODUCTS INDEX (1967=100) (JUNE)	266	+12.2	-3.3	+13.9
CONSTRUCTION				
NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (JUNE)	4,749	+8.7	+5.1	N.A.
[18] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($, JUNE)	122,799,368	+95.9	+72.1	+48.6
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS ($, MAY)	268,700,000	N.A.	N.A.	+25.4
RESIDENTIAL ($, MAY)	122,200,000	N.A.	N.A.	+49.1
NONRESIDENTIAL ($, MAY)	87,100,000	N.A.	N.A.	+3.9
NONBUILDING ($, MAY)	59,300,000	N.A.	N.A.	+33.2
FINANCE				
[19] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($, JUNE)	4,001,878,218	+5.8	+2.8	+5.0
[20] BANK DEBITS ($, JUNE)	31,351,906,063	+44.8	+12.6	+29.8
[21] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($, MAY)	84,900,000	+75.8	-4.5	+32.3
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
NUMBER EMPLOYED (NONAGRICULTURAL, JUNE)	1,629,100	+4.2	+0.4	+4.4
TRADE EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	363,200	+2.5	+0.2	+2.3
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	315,400	+4.9	-1.1	+4.5
SERVICES AND MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	281,900	+4.5	+0.5	+4.9
MANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	217,100	+2.6	+1.2	+2.5
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, AND PUBLIC UTILITIES EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	128,300	+2.8	+0.7	+2.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	152,100	+8.6	+0.7	+12.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	76,100	+1.5	+0.7	+1.7
MINING AND QUARRYING EMPLOYMENT (JUNE)	95,000	+7.8	+2.0	+8.8
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (JUNE)	d.6	+21.1	+14.7	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING HOURS (NUMBER, JUNE)	41.1	+0.0	+0.5	N.A.
AVERAGE WEEKLY MANUFACTURING EARNINGS ($, JUNE)	349.76	+11.5	+1.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [23]				
SEVERANCE TAX ($, JUNE)	94,635,783	+96.5	+0.6	+76.6
SALES TAX: GENERAL ($, JUNE)	67,865,236	+21.5	-0.2	+18.0
MOTOR VEHICLE ($, JUNE)	9,959,039	+29.1	+18.2	+12.2
GASOLINE TAX ($, JUNE)	13,424,368	+0.2	-5.9	+3.1
ROYALTIES, RENTALS, AND BONUSES ($, JUNE)	49,532,507	+51.4	+4.5	-9.9
INCOME TAXES: INDIVIDUAL ($, JUNE)	22,558,251	+15.0	+44.4	-68.4
CORPORATION ($, JUNE)	38,986,556	-0.6	-19.8	+5.7
CORPORATION FRANCHISE TAX ($, JUNE)	4,331,840	+31.3	-89.9	+4.9
TOBACCO TAX AND PERMITS ($, JUNE)	5,477,278	-0.5	+1.6	+6.5
ALCOHOLIC BEV. TAX, BEER TAX, AND PERMITS ($, JUNE)	4,870,345	+1.3	+2.1	+8.3
OTHER TAXES, FEES, AND PERMITS ($, JUNE)	39,774,995	-236.3	-192.2	-29.9
TOTAL REVENUES ($, JUNE)	271,866,208	+32.1	-30.7	+11.4

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS: LOUISIANA METROPOLITAN AREAS

NEW ORLEANS AREA

(INCLUDES JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, AND ST. TAMMANY PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[24] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER, JUNE)	963,321	+1.8	-0.2	+2.2
[25] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($, MAY 16--JUN 12)	5,072,459	+17.1	-7.7	+12.1
[26] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (JUNE)	N.A.	-8.7	-11.5	-8.9
[27] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER, MAY)	285,793	+38.9	+11.6	+2.5
[27] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS, MAY)	1,819.2	-7.3	+1.5	-10.0
[28] ATTENDANCE OF CONVENTIONS AND MEETINGS (NUMBER, JUNE)	35,678	-47.3	-22.9	-22.7
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($, APRIL)	51,805,000	+21.5	+13.4	+10.8
WHOLESALE SALES ($, JUNE)	N.A.	+14.0	-2.7	+12.0
PRODUCTION				
[30] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, JUNE)	N.A.	-2.5	+3.8	+0.7
CONSTRUCTION				
[31] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (JUNE)	831	+12.3	+7.8	N.A.
[31] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($, JUNE)	52,146,107	+136.7	+85.3	+59.6
[32] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($, MAY)	31,000,000	N.A.	N.A.	+33.8
NONRESIDENTIAL ($, MAY)	23,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	+14.1
FINANCE				
[33] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($, JUNE)	1,191,820,705	-1.5	+2.6	-1.3
[33] BANK DEBITS ($, JUNE)	10,300,775,721	+29.8	+6.4	+20.7
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($, MAY)	45,500,000	+54.8	-10.1	+30.4
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22,32]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	6.7	+26.4	+1.5	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($, MAY)	16,814,240	+16.9	+2.8	+17.4

BATON ROUGE AREA

(INCLUDES ASCENSION, E. BATON ROUGE, LIVINGSTON, AND W. BATON ROUGE PARISHES)

	VALUE OF QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[35] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER, JUNE)	370,505	+4.0	+0.1	+4.6
[36] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($, MAY 16--JUN 12)	2,300,093	+8.8	-11.0	+14.2
[37] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (JUNE)	N.A.	-0.4	-11.8	-0.2
[38] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED LINAGE (JUNE)	1,256,957	+2.9	-6.1	+3.5
[38] NEWSPAPER CLASSIFIED AD COUNT (NUMBER, JUNE)	99,006	-3.1	-5.6	-3.7
[39] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER, JUNE)	22,543	-2.0	+1.4	-8.4
[39] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS, JUNE)	50.0	+35.6	-5.6	-27.9
[40] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF BATON ROUGE (TONS, JUNE)	52,521	-18.6	-21.9	-19.9
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($, APRIL)	25,733,000	+27.9	+10.8	+13.6
WHOLESALE SALES ($, JUNE)	N.A.	+2.5	+6.8	+9.6
PRODUCTION				
[41] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH, JUNE)	N.A.	+6.3	+5.1	+4.4
CONSTRUCTION				
[42] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (JUNE)	2,501	+11.7	+1.1	N.A.
[42] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($, JUNE)	22,775,664	+66.7	+35.3	+32.2
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($, MAY)	9,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+80.1
NONRESIDENTIAL ($, MAY)	18,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+33.2
FINANCE				
[43] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($, JUNE)	706,185,317	+13.4	+0.2	+11.4
[43] BANK DEBITS ($, JUNE)	10,466,903,500	+104.6	+26.6	+65.2
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($, MAY)	5,000,000	+72.4	-25.4	+16.3
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	8.9	+27.1	+4.7	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($, MAY)	6,899,949	+17.7	-1.9	+14.8

LAKE CHARLES AREA

(INCLUDES CALCASIEU PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[44] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,JUNE)	118,684	+4.6	+0.5	+4.4
[45] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,MAY 16--JUN 12)	410,094	+34.9	+1.8	+17.5
[46] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUNE)	4,569	+4.7	+1.9	+1.3
[46] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUNE)	7.2	-6.7	+8.1	-7.6
[47] OCEAN SHIPMENTS-PORT OF LAKE CHARLES (TONS,JUNE)	268,318	-38.3	-27.9	-13.7
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,JUNE)	N.A.	+11.1	+8.4	+12.1
PRODUCTION				
[48] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,JUNE)	N.A.	+16.0	+11.9	+5.8
CONSTRUCTION				
[49] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (JUNE)	34	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
[49] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,JUNE)	1,401,265	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	3,600,000	N.A.	N.A.	+60.2
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	100,000	N.A.	N.A.	-76.7
FINANCE				
[45] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,JUNE)	270,493,077	+13.2	+6.2	+11.8
[45] BANK DEBITS ($,JUNE)	1,174,021,638	+72.0	+11.4	+68.8
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MAY)	5,800,000	+100.0	+3.6	+38.9
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	7.6	-1.3	+1.3	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MAY)	1,873,898	+4.7	-9.6	+14.1

ALEXANDRIA AREA

(INCLUDES GRANT AND RAPIDES PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[50] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,JUNE)	83,484	+1.3	-0.1	+1.6
[51] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,MAY 16--JUN 12)	358,487	+17.6	-2.3	-6.4
[52] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (JUNE)	N.A.	-37.9	-41.0	-8.9
[53] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUNE)	5,866	-5.7	+3.7	-12.2
[53] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUNE)	42.6	+9.7	+7.2	+10.1
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,JUNE)	N.A.	+8.4	+19.1	+0.7
PRODUCTION				
[54] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,JUNE)	N.A.	-9.1	+19.0	-1.2
CONSTRUCTION				
[55] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (JUNE)	95	-14.4	-7.8	N.A.
[55] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,JUNE)	1,965,938	+4.0	+61.8	-15.4
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	3,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	+24.5
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	2,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	-54.6
FINANCE				
[56] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,JUNE)	158,481,668	-1.2	-0.6	+4.2
[56] BANK DEBITS ($,JUNE)	563,132,660	+3.3	+0.2	+3.0
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MAY)	700,000	+133.3	+0.0	+75.0
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22,57]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	9.7	+19.8	-2.0	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MAY)	987,787	-3.2	-2.1	+3.6

SHREVEPORT AREA

(INCLUDES BOSSIER, CADDO, AND WEBSTER PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[58] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,JUNE)	254,031	+2.6	+0.3	+2.9
[59] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,MAY 16--JUN 12)	1,693,314	+18.7	-16.6	+15.7
[60] NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING LINAGE (JUNE)	N.A.	+54.1	-7.3	+9.1
TRADE				
[29] DEPARTMENT STORE SALES ($,APRIL)	14,119,000	+20.2	+13.1	+11.7
WHOLESALE SALES ($,JUNE)	N.A.	+9.0	-3.7	+11.0
PRODUCTION				
[61] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,JUNE)	N.A.	-0.7	+5.1	-11.5
CONSTRUCTION				
[62] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (JUNE)	771	-5.4	+23.6	N.A.
[62] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,JUNE)	22,430,295	+65.7	+97.8	+25.2
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	4,400,000	N.A.	N.A.	+43.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	3,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+422.2
FINANCE				
[63] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,JUNE)	569,084,352	+6.5	+8.9	-0.3
[63] BANK DEBITS ($,JUNE)	5,273,995,105	+19.7	+11.1	+18.1
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MAY)	2,400,000	+166.7	-29.4	+57.8
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	6.9	+1.5	-1.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MAY)	4,118,395	+11.7	-14.4	+13.5

MONROE AREA

(INCLUDES MOREHOUSE AND OUACHITA PARISHES)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[64] TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,JUNE)	119,328	+1.7	+0.1	+1.9
[65] POSTAL RECEIPTS ($,MAY 16--JUN 12)	685,967	+28.5	-3.2	+18.0
[66] AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUNE)	9,027	-9.9	-3.7	-11.6
[66] AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUNE)	23.8	-41.8	-20.8	-19.2
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,JUNE)	N.A.	-5.5	-5.9	+4.0
PRODUCTION				
[67] ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,JUNE)	N.A.	-0.7	+8.8	-0.1
CONSTRUCTION				
[68] NUMBER OF BUILDING PERMITS (JUNE)	83	+13.7	-4.6	N.A.
[68] VALUE OF BUILDING PERMITS ($,JUNE)	3,701,403	+41.5	+90.3	-8.2
[69] VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	2,800,000	N.A.	N.A.	+21.7
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	1,300,000	N.A.	N.A.	-10.1
FINANCE				
[70] BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,JUNE)	188,282,053	-4.4	+5.8	-6.3
[70] BANK DEBITS ($,JUNE)	1,713,220,238	+19.1	-5.6	+10.7
[69] RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MAY)	2,200,000	+22.2	+29.4	+8.6
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT [22,69]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	8.5	+4.9	-3.4	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS [34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MAY)	1,953,048	+4.1	-4.4	+4.2

LAFAYETTE AREA

(INCLUDES LAFAYETTE PARISH)

	VALUE OR QUANTITY	CHANGE COMPARED TO SAME MONTH LAST YEAR (PERCENT)	CHANGE COMPARED TO LAST MONTH (PERCENT)	JAN. 1 TO DATE THIS YEAR COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR (PERCENT CHANGE)
GENERAL BUSINESS ACTIVITY				
[71]TELEPHONES IN SERVICE (NUMBER,JUNE)	132,741	+8.5	+0.5	+8.7
[72]AIRLINE PASSENGER BOARDINGS (NUMBER,JUNE)	10,402	-0.4	-1.1	+2.8
[72]AIRLINE CARGO (TONS,JUNE)	37.8	+0.1	+1.6	-9.0
TRADE				
WHOLESALE SALES ($,JUNE)	N.A.	+32.2	+9.6	+14.7
PRODUCTION				
[73]ELECTRIC POWER CONSUMPTION (KWH,JUNE)	N.A.	+7.9	+13.4	+8.3
CONSTRUCTION				
VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS				
RESIDENTIAL ($,MAY)	20,500,000	N.A.	N.A.	+122.0
NONRESIDENTIAL ($,JUNE)	18,900,000	N.A.	N.A.	+0.0
FINANCE				
[74]BANK DEMAND DEPOSITS ($,JUNE)	180,524,584	+10.9	+13.9	+9.9
[74]BANK DEBITS ($,JUNE)	480,579,115	+15.7	+11.1	+22.2
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS ($,MAY)	6,900,000	+137.9	+72.5	+39.1
EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT[22]				
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (MAY)	3.7	+2.8	+5.7	N.A.
REVENUE COLLECTIONS[34]				
SALES TAX COLLECTIONS ($,MAY)	4,012,119	+6.2	+4.6	+21.7

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[1]*Wall Street Journal*: figures effective on July 10, 1981.
[2]*Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade*, U.S. Dept. of Commerce.
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[6]*Employment and Earnings*, U.S. Department of Labor.
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[9]*Monetary Trends*, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.
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[14]Office of the Secretary of State. Includes new domestic charters filed between May 29-July 2, 1981.
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[18]F. W. Dodge Division, McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company.
[19]Figures shown for end of the month. Excludes interbank, U.S. Government, and time deposits.
[20]Bank debits charged to demand deposit accounts. Excludes interbank & U.S. Government accounts.
[21]Federal Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Arkansas.
[22]La. Dept. of Employment Security, Baton Rouge, La. New series—not comparable to any previous years' figures.
[23]Budget Office, Division of Administration, State of La., Baton Rouge, La. Note minus values for Individual Income and Corporation Franchise taxes.

NEW ORLEANS AREA

[24]New Orleans, Covington, Slidell, Norco, Luling, Paradis.
[25]New Orleans, Metairie, Covington, Slidell, Gretna, Harvey, Westwego, Marrero, Arabi, Chalmette, Norco, Luling, Mandeville.
[26]New Orleans.
[27]New Orleans International Airport.
[28]Greater New Orleans Tourist & Convention Commission.
[29]*Monthly Retail Trade—Sales* and *Inventories*.
[30]Area figure for New Orleans, Chalmette, Arabi, Luling.
[31]New Orleans, Gretna, Covington, Slidell, Westwego, Mandeville, Madisonville, Pearl River, St. Bernard Parish, Kenner, St. Charles Parish, Grand Isle.
[32]Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany Parishes.
[33]New Orleans, Metairie, Kenner, Slidell, Covington.
[34]Dept. of Revenue, State of La., Baton Rouge, La.

BATON ROUGE AREA

[35]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Denham Springs, Donaldsonville.
[36]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Baker, Donaldsonville, Gonzales, Port Allen, Denham Springs.
[37]Baton Rouge, Denham Springs.
[38]Capital City Press.
[39]Greater Baton Rouge Airport District.
[40]Includes Imports and Exports of general cargo passing over public facilities.
[41]Area figure for Baton Rouge and Donaldsonville.
[42]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Baker, Gonzales, Donaldsonville, Denham Springs, Port Allen.
[43]Baton Rouge, Zachary, Donaldsonville, Denham Springs, Gonzales, Baker, Port Allen.

LAKE CHARLES AREA

[44]Lake Charles, Sulphur, Vinton.
[45]Lake Charles.
[46]Lake Charles Municipal Airport.
[47]Includes Inbound and Outbound Cargo passing over public facilities.
[48]Area figure for Lake Charles and Westlake.
[49]Sulphur only.

ALEXANDRIA AREA

[50]Alexandria, Colfax.
[51]Alexandria, Pineville.
[52]Alexandria only.
[53]Rapides Municipal Airport.
[54]Alexandria, Pineville.
[55]Alexandria, Pineville.
[56]Alexandria, Colfax, Cheneyville.
[57]Rapides, Avoyelles, Grant Parishes.

SHREVEPORT AREA

[58]Shreveport, Minden.
[59]Shreveport, Bossier City, Minden, Springhill, Vivian.
[60]Shreveport, Minden.
[61]Springhill/Haynesville only.
[62]Shreveport, Bossier City, Minden, Vivian, Cullen.
[63]Shreveport, Bossier City, Minden, Springhill, Vivian, Plain Dealing.

MONROE AREA

[64]Monroe, Bastrop.
[65]Monroe, Bastrop, West Monroe.
[66]Monroe Municipal Airport.
[67]Bastrop, West Monroe.
[68]Monroe, Bastrop, West Monroe.
[69]Ouachita Parish only.
[70]Monroe, Bastrop, West Monroe.

LAFAYETTE AREA

[71]Lafayette, Broussard, Carencro, Duson, Youngsville.
[72]Lafayette Airport Commission.
[73]Area figure for Lafayette.
[74]Lafayette only.

LOUISIANA LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS

LOCAL AREA SALES TAX COLLECTIONS*
(COLLECTIONS FOR INDICATED MONTH BASED ON SALES FOR PRECEDING MONTH)
SOURCE - LOCAL TAXING AUTHORITIES
(DOLLARS)

ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS	JUNE 1981	PERCENT CHANGE JUNE 1981- JUNE 1980	PERCENT CHANGE JUNE 1981- MAY 1981	ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS	JUNE 1981	PERCENT CHANGE JUNE 1981- JUNE 1980	PERCENT CHANGE JUNE 1981- MAY 1981
ABBEVILLE	78,251	+6.6	+10.0	LINCOLN PAR. S.B.	176,651	+15.1	+6.4
ABITA SPRINGS	174	-60.9	+42.6	LIVINGSTON PAR. S.B.	452,744	+29.1	+11.4
ACADIA PAR. S.B.	265,048	+16.4	+0.7	LIVINGSTON	8,176	+126.3	+111.4
ALBANY	1,200	+22.8	+23.5	LUTCHER	10,193	+1.6	+1.2
ALEXANDRIA	484,172	+11.9	+1.7	MAMOU	4,573	-0.1	-24.9
ALLEN PAR. S.B.	92,629	+23.1	+22.9	MANDEVILLE	12,987	+43.2	-11.1
AMITE CITY	14,618	+17.9	+18.9	MANGHAM	2,153	-5.1	-8.8
ARCADIA	17,580	+4.4	-28.9	MANSFIELD	51,693	N.A.	+11.1
ARNAUDVILLE	3,133	+9.2	+34.4	MARKSVILLE	41,887	+52.9	+1.4
ASCENSION PAR. POL. JURY	261,646	+19.8	-4.8	MAURICE	2,464	+24.3	-0.8
*ASCENSION PAR. S.B.	156,387	+117.8	-10.1	MELVILLE	4,744	+31.4	+11.4
ASCENSION PARISH, WEST	32,893	N.A.	+0.2	MER ROUGE	5,334	+15.8	-11.5
ASSUMPTION PAR. S.B.	111,877	+49.8	-4.1	MERMENTAU	525	-29.7	-57.7
ASSUMPTION PAR.	111,877	+49.8	-4.1	MINDEN	74,434	+12.4	-2.4
AVOYELLES PAR. S.B.	192,330	+8.1	-5.2	MONROE (CITY) S.B.	117,412	+1.2	-2.0
*AVER	94,238	+55.9	+1.6	MONROE	187,943	+9.9	-4.7
BASILE	4,201	+146.8	+27.0	MORGANZIELLE	1,196	+34.2	+22.7
BASTROP	91,881	+22.4	+22.8	MOREHOUSE PAR. S.B.	109,776	+10.1	+4.0
BEAUREGARD PAR. S.B.	139,617	+11.4	-3.9	MOSSE	1,642	-10.7	+19.7
BENTICE	5,817	+19.4	+2.2	NAPOLEONVILLE	4,814	+12.3	+7.1
BIENVILLE PAR. S.	70,698	-2.1	-16.4	NATCHITOCHES PAR. S.B.	191,518	+40.1	+66.1
BOGALUSA	157,329	-2.8	-11.6	NATCHITOCHES	161,174	+138.2	+1.1
BOSSIER CITY	327,583	+61.1	+51.1	NEW IBERIA	325,386	+21.4	+3.4
BOSSIER PAR. S.B.	551,432	+43.7	-0.6	NEW ROADS	23,587	+10.4	-1.4
BREAUX BRIDGE	24,072	-0.1	-6.9	NEWLAND	3,741	-11.9	-9.1
BROUSSARD	11,117	+51.5	+1.4	OAK GROVE	21,044	+14.4	+22.1
CADDO PAR. S.B.	1,614,174	+23.0	+3.3	OAKDALE	21,964	-14.1	-24.1
CALCASIEU PAR. S.B.	1,401,684	+17.1	N.A.	OBERLIN	6,273	+24.6	+42.1
CALDWELL PARISH POLICE JURY	34,857	+51.7	+7.7	OIL CITY	3,655	+3.1	+10.8
CALDWELL PARISH S.B.	34,857	+51.7	+7.7	OPELOUSAS	222,541	+14.7	-0.6
CAMERON	666	+15.2	-0.6	OUACHITA PAR. POL. JURY	215,654	+15.5	-1.3
CARENCRO	34,991	+51.3	+5.8	OUACHITA PAR. S.B.	240,481	+11.6	-2.1
CATAHOULA PAR. S.B.	52,911	+10.4	+24.5	PEARL RIVER	3,603	+30.5	+44.7
CHURCH POINT	38,250	+13.4	-4.4	PINE PRAIRIE	2,765	+0.4	-5.8
CLAIBORNE PAR. S.B.	82,987	+37.1	+3.6	PINEVILLE	65,403	+26.1	+18.6
COLFAX	5,195	N.A.	-6.2	PLAQUEMINES PAR. COMM. COUN.	554,535	+84.5	+1.5
CONCORDIA PAR. POL. JURY	41,610	-5.1	-19.1	PLAQUEMINES PAR. S.B.	277,267	+84.5	+1.5
CONCORDIA PAR. S.B.	132,459	+11.4	-4.1	PLAUCHEVILLE	1,186	+50.1	+58.4
COTTON VALLEY	5,301	+212.0	+121.4	POINTE COUPEE PAR. S.B.	127,909	+66.4	+59.7
COTTONPORT	5,460	+0.0	-4.5	POINTE COUPEE PARISH	171,303	+88.4	+80.1
COUSHATTA	20,678	+31.4	+0.0	POLLOCK	837	+0.9	-4.4
COVINGTON	68,153	+29.1	+11.9	PORT ALLEN	25,566	+9.6	-11.7
CROWLEY	127,082	+11.0	-1.7	RAPIDES PARISH	772,121	+15.2	+16.2
CULLEN	1,282	+25.5	-7.7	RATHE	63,418	+4.0	-8.4
DELCAMBRE	12,267	+68.0	+69.4	RATLIFF	42,165	+29.2	+3.5
DENHAM SPRINGS	71,547	+4.0	-6.4	RED RIVER PAR. POL. JURY	38,454	+33.5	+13.1
DEQUINCY	23,627	+16.0	+14.9	RED RIVER PAR. S. B.	12,161	+17.5	-15.3
DERIDDER	68,442	+5.5	-3.1	RICHLAND PAR. S. B.	114,179	+7.3	-7.7
DESOTO PAR. S.B.	186,618	+129.1	+12.4	RINGGOLD	5,473	+102.8	-8.9
DIXIE INN	4,586	N.A.	+5.2	ROSELAND	2,677	+19.1	+1.1
DONALDSONVILLE	41,841	+11.5	+42.8	ROSEPINE	3,620	+26.7	+17.6
DUSON	9,821	+138.1	+38.0	RUSTON	57,544	+8.4	-5.6
E. FELICIANA PAR. S.B.	80,576	+1.3	-11.0	SABINE PAR. S.B.	91,433	+13.8	-3.4
E.B.R. CITY-PARISH	3,982,662	+17.0	+2.2	SABINETA	1,167	-1.3	+7.3
E.B.R. PAR. S.B.	2,605,770	+18.0	+2.4	SCOTT	21,434	+39.4	-4.1
ELTON	4,487	+40.7	+49.4	SHREVEPORT	2,020,454	+76.4	+1.7
ERATH	33,494	+27.1	+17.7	SLIDELL	170,683	+2.5	+2.2
ESTHERWOOD	1,236	+13.5	-13.4	SPRINGHILL	36,963	+17.5	-21.3
EUNICE	152,477	+17.1	-4.4	ST. CHARLES PAR. POL. JURY	212,667	-7.3	-15.1
EVANGELINE PAR. S.B.	104,464	-19.2	+0.1	ST. CHARLES PAR. S.B.	660,732	-11.2	-16.2
FARMERVILLE	20,962	+2.7	-1.0	ST. FRANCISVILLE	14,204	+41.4	+52.2
FERRIDAY	25,339	-1.2	-5.9	ST. JAMES PAR. S.B.	429,330	+122.3	+51.7
FOLSOM	2,570	-17.5	-20.9	ST. JOHN PAR. S. B.	475,584	+62.5	+2.1
FRANKLIN PAR. S.B.	135,266	+81.4	+25.6	ST. LANDRY PAR. S.B.	445,335	+36.1	+28.5
FRANKLINTON	13,907	+13.5	+11.9	ST. MARTIN PAR. S.B.	140,478	+35.1	+1.4
GOLDEN MEADOW	14,313	+86.1	+78.3	ST. MARTINVILLE	31,669	+21.7	+11.8
GONZALES	80,284	+14.4	-7.7	SULPHUR	247,271	+17.3	+8.1
GRAMBLING	14,115	-2.9	-2.1	SUNSET	8,408	+92.5	+5.7
GRAND COTEAU	2,012	+49.0	+86.3	TALLULAH	27,321	+19.0	-15.5
GRANT PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	29,282	+15.5	-4.7	TANGIPAHOA (VILLAGE OF)	1,039	+8.7	-4.5
GREENSBURG	1,228	+100.9	+19.8	TANGIPAHOA PAR. S.B.	129,651	+15.8	-4.5
HAMMOND	153,168	+23.2	+4.1	TENSAS PAR. POL. JURY	25,516	-7.2	-15.9
HAUGHTON	2,816	N.A.	+56.0	TENSAS PAR. S.B.	34,176	+47.6	+1.4
HAYNESVILLE	24,031	+99.9	+119.1	TERREBONNE PAR. S.B.	704,041	+10.2	+1.1
HENDERSON	4,869	+99.7	+20.0	TERREBONNE PARISH	1,173,401	+10.2	+1.4
IBERIA PAR. S.B.	633,925	-3.8	-5.3	THIBODAUX	196,516	+116.1	-6.5
IBERVILLE PAR. S.B.	161,666	+17.0	-3.6	UNION PAR. S. B.	62,494	+17.8	-2.3
IBERVILLE PARISH	161,585	+16.9	-3.6	VERMILION PAR. POL. JURY	196,734	+31.6	+0.4
INDEPENDENCE	6,642	-26.9	+19.5	VERMILION PAR. S.B.	196,745	+31.6	+1.7
IOTA	5,482	+41.5	+51.4	VIDALIA	26,719	+21.9	-7.4
IOWA	9,259	-15.2	+19.7	VILLE PLATTE	19,830	+10.0	-4.1
JACKSON PAR. S.B.	82,758	+14.7	+14.8	VIVIAN	24,038	+9.1	+11.1
JEANERETTE	14,819	+41.9	+46.1	W. B. R. PARISH	135,027	+1.7	-28.1
JEFF. DAVIS PAR. S.B.	219,447	+27.5	+0.1	W. CARROLL PAR. S. B.	55,105	+29.1	+12.9
JEFFERSON PARISH	4,446,665	+62.8	-5.1	W. FELICIANA PAR. S.B.	282,816	+21.7	-41.7
JENNINGS	93,069	+12.8	+1.8	W.B.R. PAR. S.B.	135,029	+1.7	-28.1
JONESBORO	50,124	-6.8	-1.9	WALKER	7,635	+29.6	+80.7
KENTWOOD	14,404	+14.3	+1.3	WASHINGTON (TOWN OF)	4,533	+37.0	+18.2
KROTZ SPRINGS	9,613	+44.9	+62.4	WASHINGTON PAR. S.B.	70,722	-9.2	-6.1
LA SALLE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD	79,222	N.A.	-5.4	WEBSTER PAR. S.B.	100,003	+2.0	-42.1
LAFAYETTE PAR. POL. JURY	469,899	+54.9	+7.3	WELSH	21,975	+36.3	+52.6
LAFAYETTE PAR. S.B.	1,627,699	+18.0	-1.5	WEST MONROE	167,813	+6.0	-5.2
LAFAYETTE	1,052,529	+10.1	-5.3	WESTLAKE	47,993	+114.8	+4.1
LAFOURCHE PAR. S.B.	449,689	-0.8	-4.7	WINN PAR. S.B.	54,124	-6.5	-17.3
LAFOURCHE PARISH	158,378	N.A.	-5.4	WINNSBORO	48,299	+9.0	+2.2
LAKE ARTHUR	14,860	+71.7	+34.2	WISNER	5,247	+1.0	-2.1
LAKE CHARLES	630,718	+27.9	+7.5	YOUNGSVILLE	5,607	+61.8	+18.0
LEESVILLE	58,504	-0.5	-4.8	ZACHARY	11,594	+21.9	+8.4
LINCOLN PAR. POL. JURY	88,317	+15.1	+6.4				
				TOTAL REPORTED THIS MONTH	$43,329,040	N.A.	N.A.
				**SUM OF COMPARABLE COLLECTIONS	$1,293,569	+30.3	+1.2

*Tax rates are 1%, except for Ascension Parish School Board—2%; West Ascension Parish—½%; Avoyelles Parish School Board—1½%; Baker—2%; Basile—2%; Bienville Parish School Board—2% (1%—School Dist. #1; 1%—parishwide); Bogalusa—2%; Bossier Parish School Board—1½%; Bunkie—1½%; Catahoula Parish School Board—2½%; Crowley—1½%; East Baton Rouge City-Parish—2%; East Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Eunice—2%; Franklin Parish School Board—1½%; Iberia Parish School Board 1¼%; Independence—1½%; Jeanerette—1¼%; Jefferson Parish School Board—1½%; Jefferson Parish—1½%; Jonesboro—2%; Lafourche Parish—½%; Lincoln Parish Police Jury—½%; Livingston Parish School Board—2%; Madison Parish School Board—1½%; Madison Parish Police Jury—½%; Marksville—1½%; Monroe—1½%; Natchitoches—2%; New Iberia—1¼%; New Orleans—2½%; Opelousas—2%; Orleans Parish School Board—1½%; Parks—2%; Pine Prairie—2%; Plaquemines Parish School Board—½%; Rayne—2%; Rayville—1½%; Red River Parish School Board—2%; Richland Parish School Board—1½%; Ruston—½%; St. Bernard Parish Police Jury—1½%; St. Bernard Parish School Board—1½%; St. Charles Parish Police Jury—¾%; St. Charles Parish School Board—2%; St. Mary Parish—1¾%; St. Mary Parish School Board—.95%; St. Tammany Parish School Board—2%; Sulphur—2%; Terrebonne Parish—1¼%; Terrebonne Parish School Board—¾%; Vinton—2%; West Monroe—1½%; West Feliciana Parish School Board—2%; Westlake—2%; Zachary—2%. Included are use tax and hotel-motel taxes wherever applicable.

**Figures shown for "comparable collections" are made up *only* of administrative units reporting June 1981, May 1981, and June 1980.

SOURCE: Local taxing authorities who report current data which are received on or before monthly publishing deadline.

LOUISIANA TOURIST TRAFFIC DATA

TOURIST TRAFFIC

Visitors to Selected Tourist Attractions

Source: State Parks Commission & Other Tourist Attractions

SITE	June 1981	May 1981	June 1980	Percent Change: June 1981-June 1980	Percent Change: June 1981-May 1981
Audubon State Comm. Area	10,072	11,683	N.A.	—	- 13.8
Avery Island	4,531	6,991	5,753	- 21.2	- 35.2
Baton Rouge Old State Capitol	5,873	9,105	5,485	+ 7.1	- 35.5
Old Arsenal Museum	5,634	8,909	6,074	- 7.2	- 38.8
Camp Moore State Commemorative Area	511	706	closed	—	- 27.6
Chemin-A-Haut State Park	29,868	8,444	19,123	+ 56.2	+253.7
Chicot State Park	57,586	46,713	49,466	+ 23.3	+ 16.4
Cypremort Point State Park	20,816	26,328	34,584	- 39.8	- 20.9
Edward Douglass White State Comm. Area	169	233	N.A.	—	- 27.5
Fairview Riverside State Park	19,614	29,602	51,030	- 61.6	- 33.7
Fontainebleau State Park	10,836	16,320	64,318	- 83.2	- 33.6
Fort Jesup State Comm. Area	6,264	6,240	8,476	- 26.1	+ 0.4
Fort Pike State Comm. Area	16,000	18,000	23,066	- 30.6	- 11.1
Grand Isle State Park	77,076	89,012	44,892	+ 71.7	- 13.4
Hodges Gardens	5,515	9,653	6,724	- 18.0	- 42.9
Hot Wells Health Resort	1,551	closed	3,089	- 49.8	—
Indian Creek Recreational Area	24,301	21,320	30,832	- 21.2	+ 14.0
Kent House State Commemorative Area	1,456	1,090	1,142	+ 27.5	+ 33.6
Lake Bistineau State Park	35,140	20,350	35,209	- 0.2	+ 72.7
Lake Bruin State Park	4,204	3,861	16,706	- 74.8	+ 8.9
Lake Claiborne State Park	9,258	8,636	31,896	- 71.0	+ 7.2
Lake D'Arbonne State Park	4,934	3,794	4,699	+ 5.0	+ 30.0
Longfellow-Evangeline State Comm. Area	18,934	30,794	27,164	- 30.3	- 38.5
Mansfield State Comm. Area	1,161	closed	7,060	- 83.6	—
Marksville State Comm. Area	1,236	1,978	2,128	- 41.9	- 37.5
New Orleans The La. State Museum	18,182	23,882	21,225	- 14.3	- 23.9
Poverty Point State Commemorative Area	7,034	6,750	5,975	+ 17.7	+ 4.2
Rebel State Commemorative Area	1,517	3,878	2,426	- 37.5	- 60.9
St. Bernard State Park	17,490	15,920	3,372	+418.7	+ 9.9
Sam Houston Jones State Park	42,596	42,660	43,303	- 1.6	- 0.2
Shreveport The La. State Exhibit Museum	34,800	37,600	35,300	- 1.4	- 7.4
The La. State Fairgrounds	9,600	70,759	36,789	- 73.9	- 86.4
Winter Quarters State Commemorative Area	99	89	115	- 13.9	+ 11.2

N.A.—Not available.

Visitors to Tourist Information Stations

Source: Louisiana Office of Tourism

STATION	June 1981	May 1981	June 1980	Percent Change: June 1981-June 1980	Percent Change: June 1981-May 1981
Bastrop Snyder Museum	742	677	554	+ 33.9	+ 9.6
Baton Rouge State Capitol	23,148	29,098	19,101	+ 21.2	- 20.4
Greenwood	18,610	13,508	15,254	+ 22.0	+ 37.8
Kentwood	10,279	7,048	11,599	- 11.4	+ 45.8
New Orleans	13,003	11,326	10,835	+ 20.0	+ 14.8
St. Francisville	3,518	3,352	2,963	+ 18.7	+ 5.0
Slidell (I-59)	47,213	41,108	48,033	- 1.7	+ 14.9
Slidell (I-10)	104,252	92,681	128,289	- 18.7	+ 12.5
Toledo Bend	2,386	2,177	2,692	- 11.4	+ 9.6
Vidalia	1,398	1,276	1,054	+ 32.6	+ 9.6
Vinton	19,494	17,014	23,069	- 15.5	+ 14.6

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